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EQUALLY SENSATIONAL MOSCOW STORY.

FOREIGN OFFICIAL RECALLED.

MANCHURIA INTRIGUE.

THE FEAR is growing that the Manchuria crisis has yet to reach its climax. Report has it that Japan is warning the Powers against interference. A Reuter message from Moscow tells a Soviet story of foreign intrigue to embroil Japan and Russia in war.

A GREAT SENSATION HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THE PUBLICATION IN MOSCOW BY THE OFFICIAL TASS AGENCY OF A REPORT OF THE RECALL, AT THE INSTANCE OF THE SOVIET, OF A MEMBER OF A FOREIGN MISSION IN MOSCOW, FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF THE PLOT.

The official's name or that of his country are not disclosed, but the Tass report says that the man concerned is alleged to have tried to persuade a Soviet official to stage an attack on the Japanese Ambassador with the object of causing a Soviet-Japanese War.

Meanwhile, a story reaches the Colony from Tokyo to-day, stating that the Japanese Government is preparing a Note for despatch to the British and American Governments warning them against interference in Japan's affairs in Manchuria. It is said that the Note will declare that interference at this stage will merely increase the seriousness of the situation and make matters worse.

AMERICAN NOTE TO JAPAN.

Washington, Dec. 24. The anxiety of the United States Government over developments in Manchuria is attested by an announcement issued by the State Department to the effect that fresh representations have been made to Japan to prevent renewed hostilities.

The United States Ambassador in Tokyo has been instructed to express the concern with which the American Government views the reports of Japanese military move-

ments which are contemplated at Chinshow.

The Ambassador has also been instructed to draw the attention of the Japanese Government to reports from the military observers of several nations, including the United States Military Attaché, that there is no evidence that China is preparing any offensive movement.

It is understood that France is making similar representations, and it is believed that Britain will likewise.—Reuter's American Service.

LEOPARD KILLED ON MAINLAND.

AFTER MAULING VILLAGER.

Villagers of Chung Pui in the Shataukok District, reported having shot a leopard seven feet long on Sunday last, after it had mauled one of the villagers who, however, was not seriously hurt.

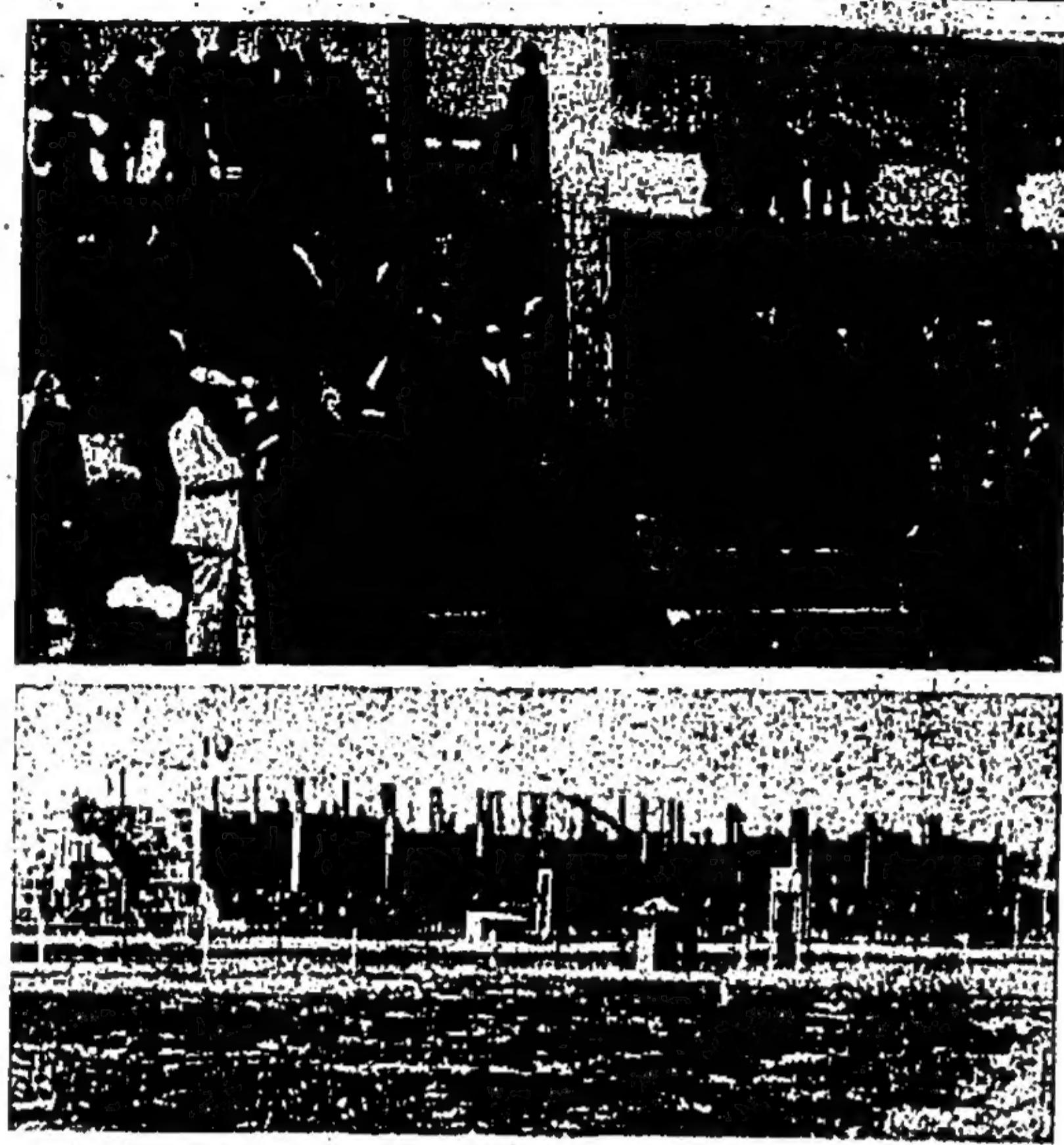
According to a belated report received at Police Headquarters this morning, the leopard was shot in a ravine north of Chung Pui village.

The villager, who had been mauled, Wong Fun-yu, aged 24, refused to be taken to hospital for treatment.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SOME STARTLING RESULTS.

Home soccer league leaders fared very badly yesterday, though Aston Villa secured a brilliant 7-0 victory over Middlesex. Full results are on the



The opening meeting of the Macao Greyhound Racing Club is fixed for to-night, when a big crowd is expected. There will also be racing on Sunday. The above pictures were taken during a trial meeting last Sunday. Top shows a section of the grandstand, and at bottom is seen part of the course.

XMAS SHOPPING TRAGEDY.

WALL TOPPLES ON SHOP.

SEVERAL DEAD.

London, Dec. 24. The eve of Christmas has been marked by a terrible calamity in Port Elizabeth, one of the most prosperous towns of Cape Colony, known as "the Liverpool of South Africa."

The disaster, which has resulted in the loss of several lives, occurred in the shopping centre of the town, and was caused by the collapse of the walls of a building which was in process of demolition.

When the walls gave way, they completely buried a shop, in which at the time there were six women and many customers making their Christmas purchases.

The total death-roll is not at present known, but it has already been ascertained that five people were killed, while two are missing and three others have been seriously injured.—Reuter.

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PASSPORT OFFICE ARITHMETIC.

Your passports will cost you more. This is the effect of a notification in the current issue of the Government Gazette, which doubles the fee hitherto charged.

The Passport Office's new scale of charges comes into effect on January 1st, and is as follows:—Issue of Passport, \$10; issue of Travel Certificates and similar documents, each \$4; renewal of passport, for each year of renewal, \$2; endorsement of passport, otherwise than at the time of issue of renewal, \$4; transit visa, normal fee, 80 cents; entry visa, normal fee, 80 cents.

In the case of visas granted to nationals of those countries which charge British subjects visa fees in excess of those quoted above, reciprocal charges will be enforced converted, until further notice, at the following fixed rates of exchange:—H. K. \$9.00; shilling (gold) (H. K.) \$4.00; U. S. \$1; H. K. 10.80; pound (gold).

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WORLD CRISIS.

Bankers State the Case.

Absence of a Bold Lead Marked.

PRESS IN MOOD OF PESSIMISM.

London, Dec. 24. The official summary of the report of the special Advisory Committee under the Young Plan was issued late last night at Basle. In its conclusion, the committee states that Germany has established claim to a moratorium, as provided for by the Young Plan, during the year commencing July next.

In view of the inter-dependence of various countries, the Governments of the world cannot ignore the situation of Germany. Since the beginning of 1931, the crisis has taken on formidable proportions—exchange disturbances, general unemployment and the closing of Bourses have had profound repercussions in all countries.

The magnitude of the crisis, in the Committee's opinion, exceeds the relatively short depression envisaged in the Young Plan, to meet which the measures of safeguard contained therein were designed. The Young Plan contemplated a steady expansion of world trade. In fact, the opposite has occurred.

Economic Realities.

The Committee considers it the duty of Governments to examine without delay, in the light of economic realities, the problems imposed by Germany's inability to pay. Some steps are necessary if the efforts of the German Government to protect its monetary position are not to be compromised.

The Committee realises that it would be difficult to release Germany from the obligations that she is at present incapable of meeting if the burden of such payments were simply to be transferred to others. The Committee suggests that transfers from one country to another on a scale so large as to upset the balance of payments can only accentuate the present crisis.

It believes that the adjustment of all reparations and war debts to the troubled circumstances of the world, without delay, is the only step capable of restoring lasting confidence.

No Final Solution Yet.

Owing to the late issue of the report, there is no detailed comment in the Press. Referring to the report and the ratification of the Hoover Moratorium by the U. S. Congress, the Times says the difficulties are so complicated and raise so many controversial issues that it is hopeless to expect that a final solution will be discovered, or, at any rate, accepted at once. It compares the attitude of the British Government, which is pressing for a general comprehensive settlement, and the view of the French Government that what is wanted is a temporary adjustment to meet what it is hoped may prove temporary difficulties, and argues that the uncompromising opinion revealed in the recent Congress debates in the United States would seem to make a final settlement out of the question.

Imprisonment as Last Resort.

Another provision is that no young person shall be sentenced to imprisonment if he can be suitably dealt with in any other way, such as probation, fine, corporal punishment or commitment to a place of detention, reformatory or industrial school.

The Ordinance is based partly on the relevant provisions of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, the Children Act, 1908, the Criminal Justice Act, 1922, and partly on a model Bill which has been recommended by similar Committees in England.

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Bulls and Inners

From the Office Butts.

Foochow on the Min River is enjoying an era of peace. No Min all right for everybody except the spics!

Even under the imitation greenery, many a mils'll too the line!

These unbreakable gramophone records may be all right for their owners, but they're rough luck on the neighbours.

Nature Note:—The smell of the gift cigar is once again in the air.

Shanghai's weather is becoming so cool as almost to amount to snobbishness.

Gardening Hint:—The best time to take rose cuttings is when your neighbour isn't looking.

Financial Note:—The word "only" on a cheque is not intended last night. A sweet young thing we took to be a perfect duck allow you to overdraw your account turned out to be a veritable gobbler when the pudding came round.

Hubby now realises how much he will have to pay for the Christmas present which his wife bought for him.

One thing about a plum-pudding, it's usually in good spirits on Christmas Day.

Lots of 1931 New Year resolutions will be used again next week.

Says the Editor sternly. We must have some verse; To rhyme with the Season festive.

In distraction I turn, Think of puddings and curse, Feeling ruddled and muddled and restive.

Crackers and caps, Brandy and snaps, Squeakers and rattles confuse me, Mottoes and jokes, Cocktails and smokes, With brightness and zest don't infuse me.

That pheasant I ate, Was killed much too late; With whisky my liver has hardened.

So if Irene, I really must beg, For once in a while to be pardoned!

Says a Home paper:—Wherever the English language is spoken, there you will find golf being played. Yes, but what language!

Some of these blase youngsters should get the slipper without hunting for it.

Isn't it remarkable what fine poker hands you get when playing bridge?

To Hongkong Hikers.—The best way to keep the sun out of your eyes during a walking tour is to get the chauffeur to put up the hood.

Your fond aunts may send you some warm knitted socks. And girl friends may give you cigars. While those not relations may send invitations (and offer to fetch you in cars). But 'midst those bewildering price lists and stocks The staunchest of givers may sway,

And hence the assertion that tactical coercion. Makes Father the one to give way.

A Christmas Paradox.—When ordering roast goose you get annoyed if the "boy" does not give you sauce.

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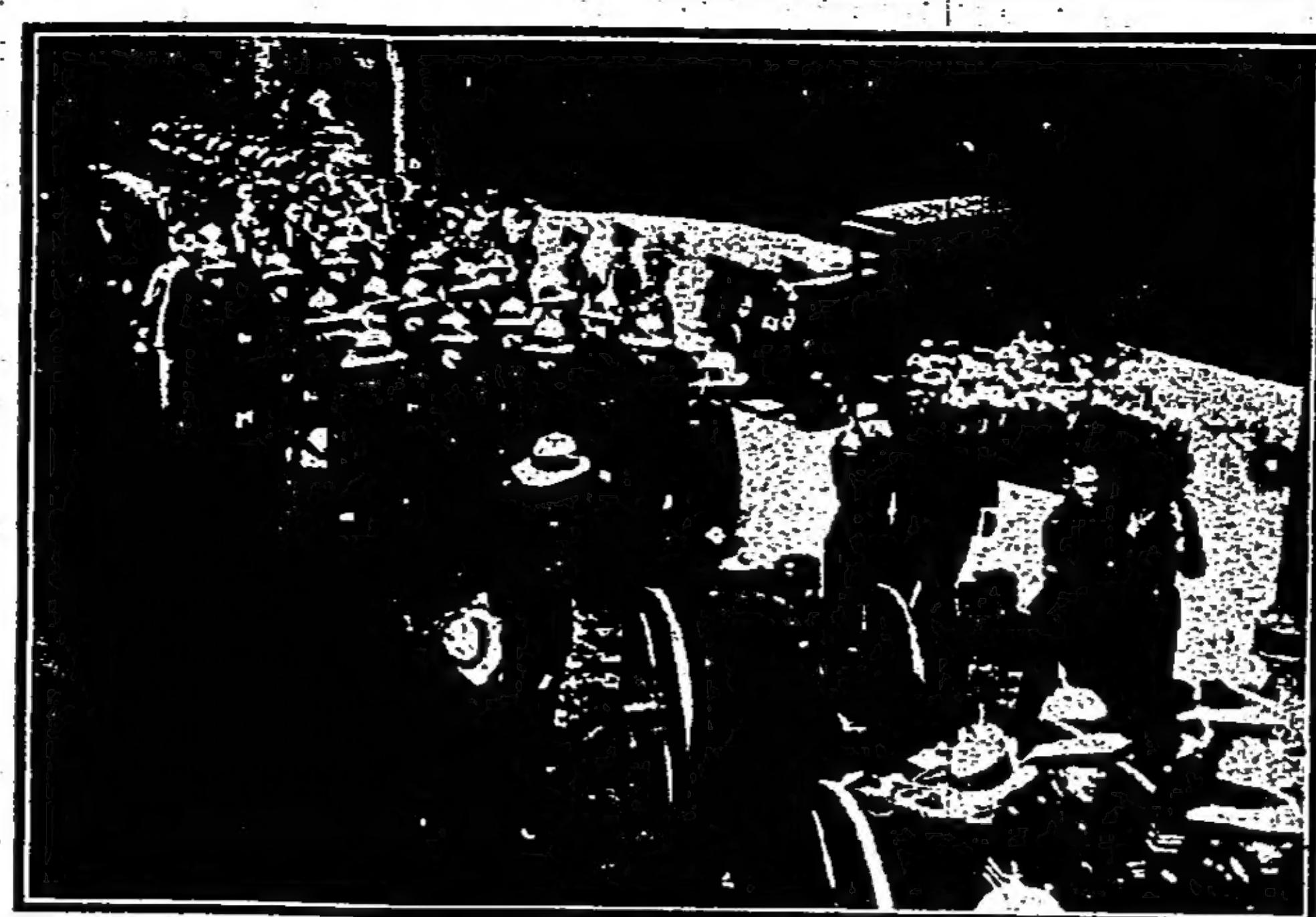
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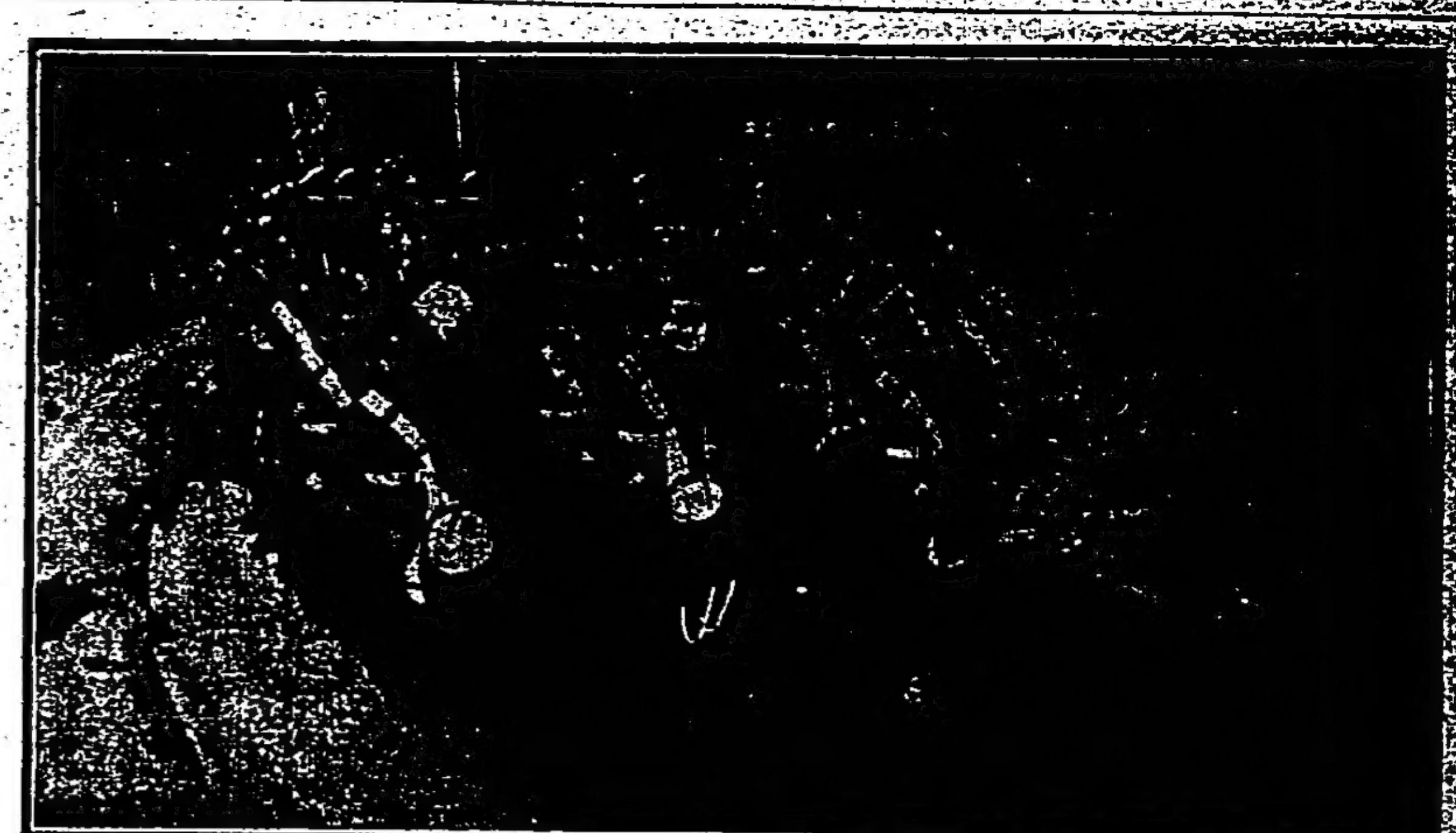
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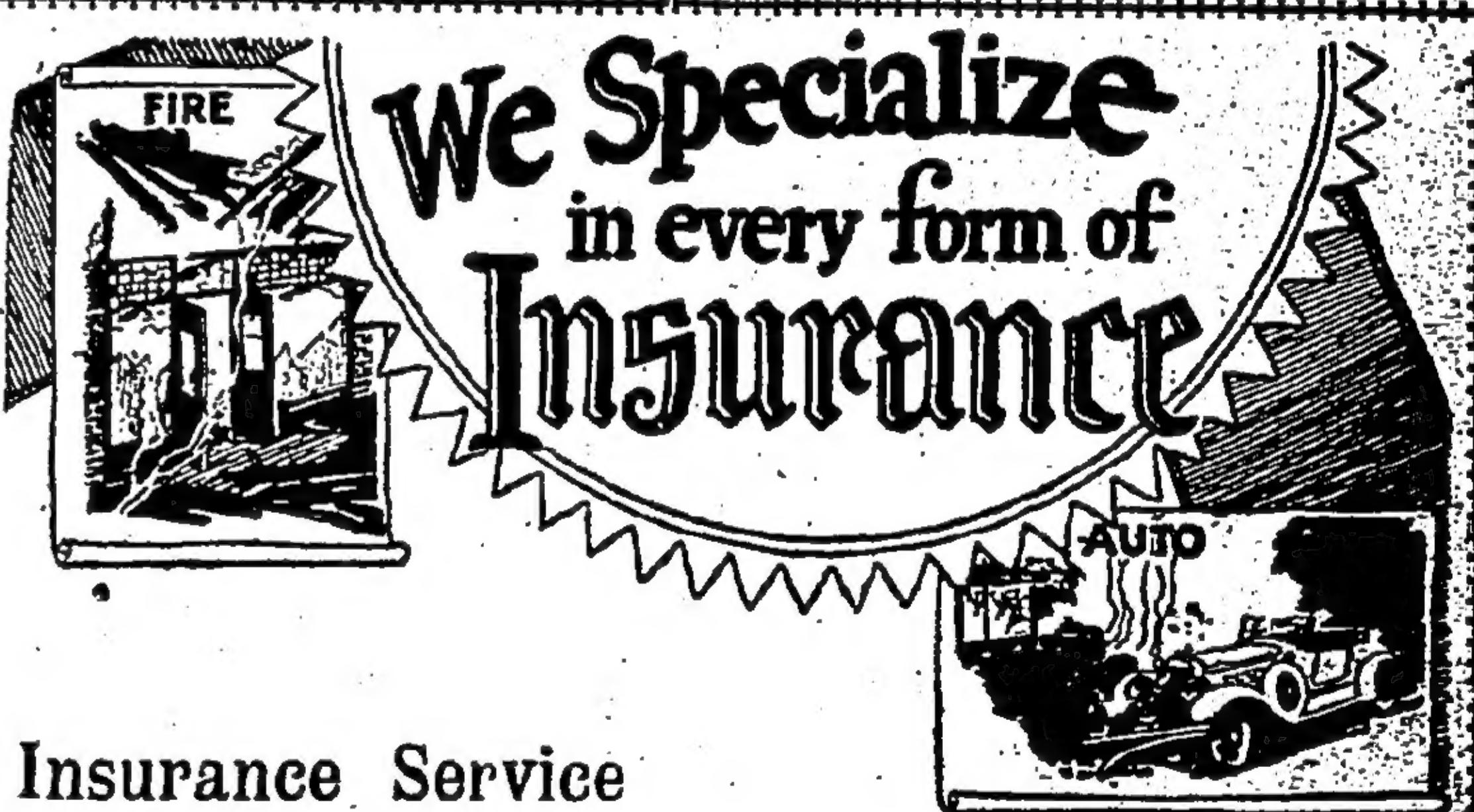
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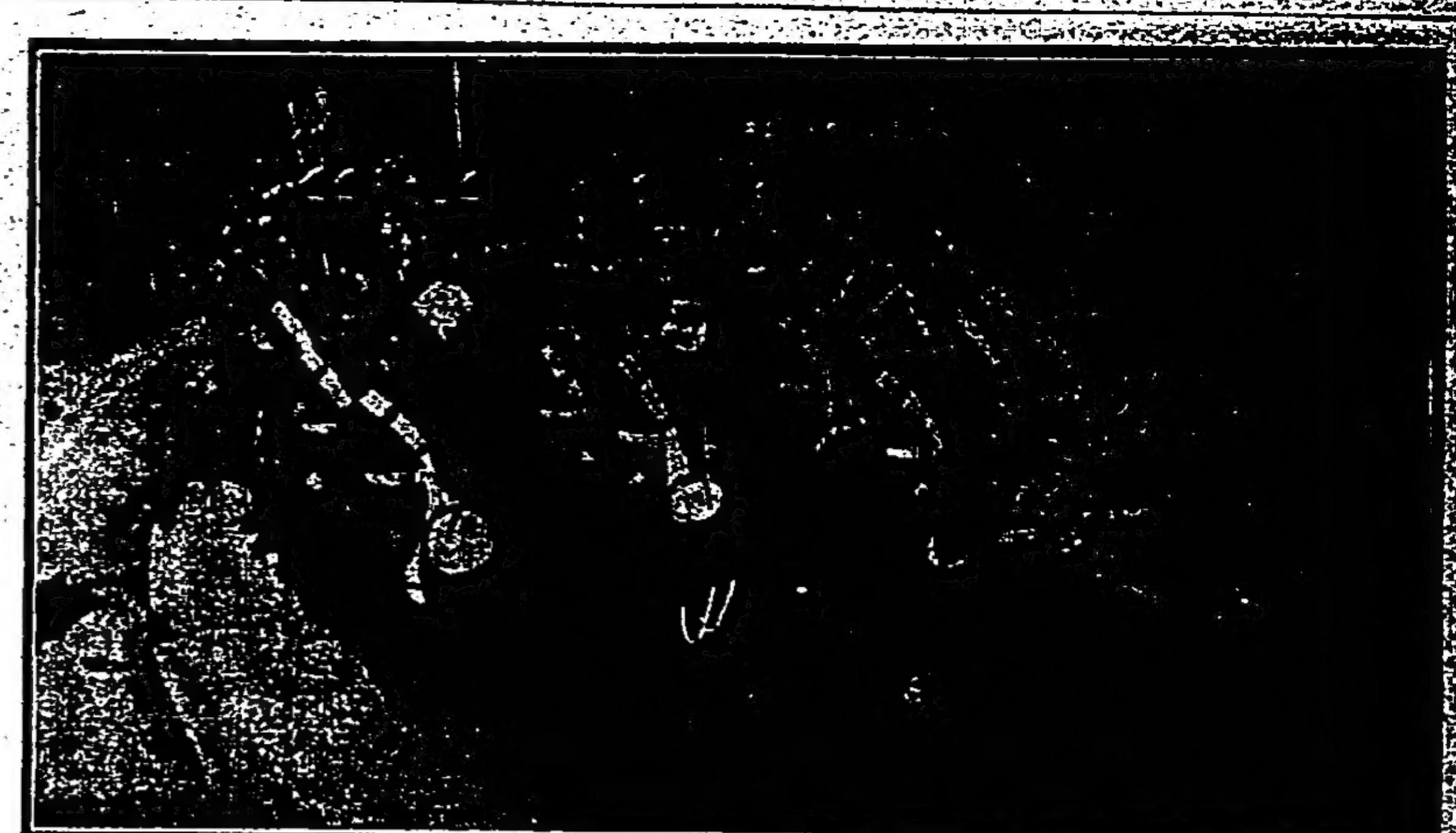
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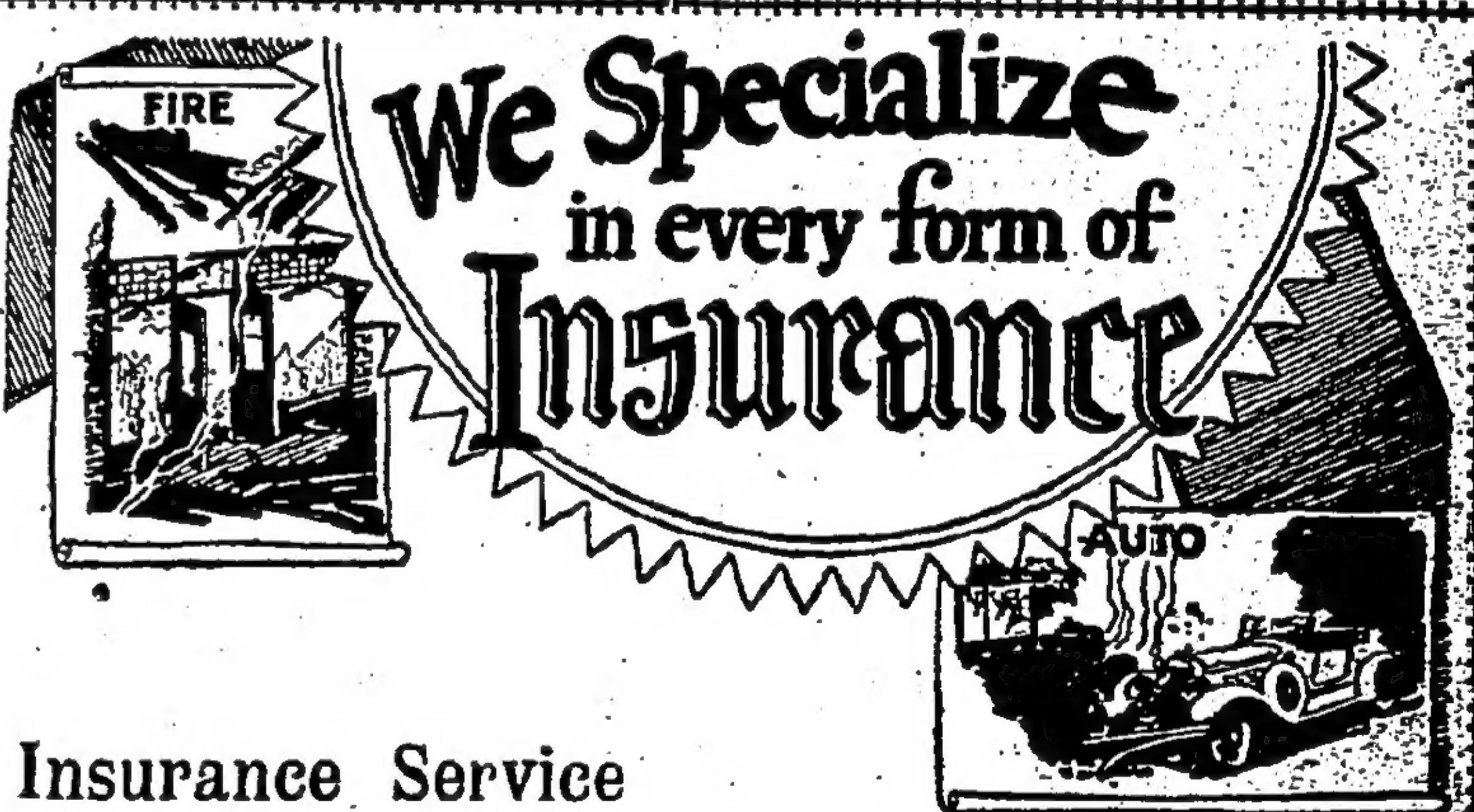
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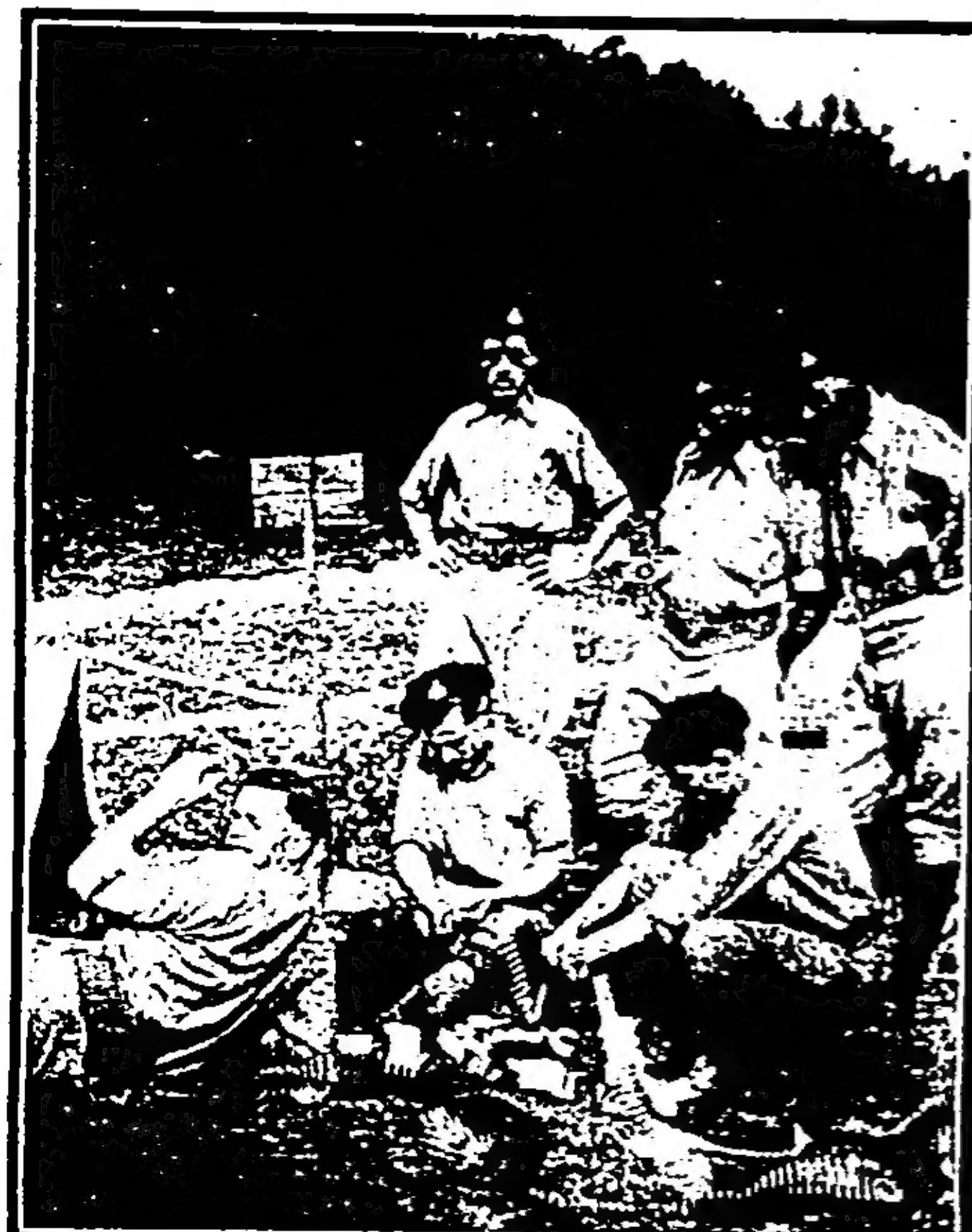
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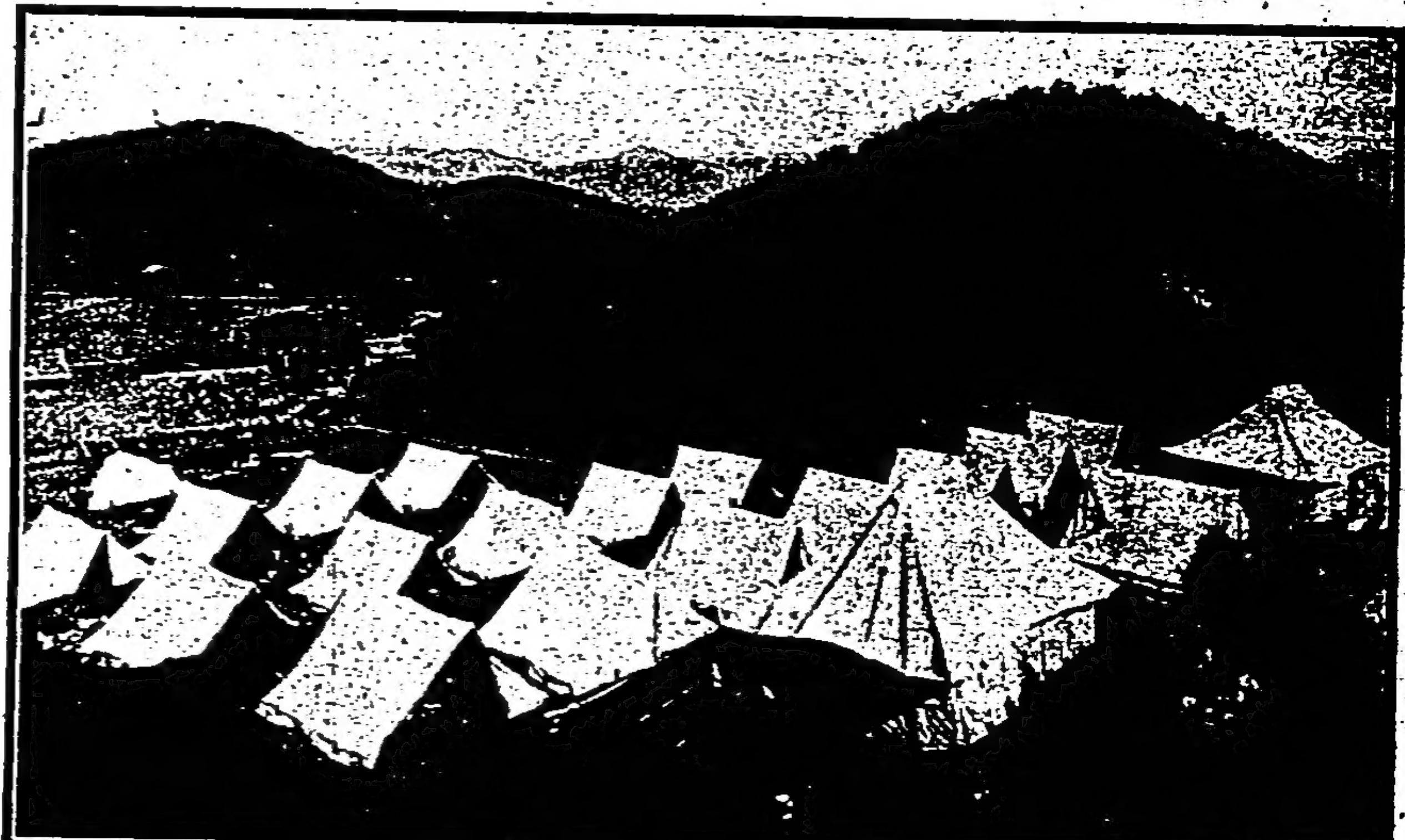
Over the fence all together. A good action picture taken at the Fanling Races last Sunday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Another good snapshot taken at last Sunday's meeting of the Fanling Race and Hunt Club. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



This snapshot shows members of the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C. filling machine gun belts.



The scene of the Volunteer Defence Corps camp in the New Territories the week before last. (Photo Ming Yuen Studio).



Here members of the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C. are shown patrolling border path in the New Territories.



The Hon. Mr. H. T. Cramay kicking off at last Saturday's Chinese football match. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Group taken last Saturday when the team representing the Canton Navy, Air Force and Police Force defeated the Hongkong Chinese League by one to nil in the contest for the Chan Lin-pak Cup. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

Psychotria serpens, known as Hongkong mistletoe, photographed on the Peak. The resemblance is merely superficial, as the two plants are in no way closely related. The specimen shown is of the family Rubiaceae, the same family as coffee, gardenia, etc.



At the Fanling Races. Left, Tom (Mr. Stanton up), winner of the St. Nicholas Handicap; right, Wattle, ridden by Mr. Corbett, winner of the Canberra Handicap. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Mrs. R. J. Paterson presenting the prizes at the Fanling Hunt and Race Club's meeting last Sunday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The Rev. John Lake, who is well-known for his work amongst lepers, is shown in the above group (with hat raised) among some of his charges at the leper settlement at Tai Kam Island.



The second XI of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club met the R.A.M.C. on Saturday, the latter winning by three goals to nil. Here the game is seen in progress. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Another snapshot in the hockey match between the second team of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club and the R.A.M.C. on the Navy ground at Happy Valley. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



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She tells her fiance, Dirk Ruyther, who hates Eddie. He arranges a rendezvous with the boy in a cheap flower shop, the Star Drive. Mary there meets Eddie. Eddie is down and killed as he crosses the street to meet Mrs. Jupiter.

Inspector Kane drops the case, believing Eddie the murderer. When Mary protests, he tells her Mrs. Jupiter and Dirk believe the gambler called the fly to whom her brother owed money.

He gives Mary the coat he found in the Jupiter house as evidence of the murderer. It is his brothers. The Jupiter family recognises it as having been worn by "gate-crasher" he ejected the night of the murder.

CHAPTER XIV

"What young man, Spence? What are you talking about?"

Mary eyed the old butler, fearful of what he might be about to reveal. He looked so vindictive as he held Eddie's topcoat aloft and glared at it as if he would have liked to shake its owner.

Under the stress of emotion, his usual West End English left him and the Cockney came out.

"He had the face, if you'll believe it, Miss, to call himself a doctor, and try to force his way in. Yes! And when I told him you'd neither invited him nor sent for him, that impudent he was tried to walk past me into the 'ouse! I put my 'and up and I said 'None o' that, sir!' I said—"

"Whom was this, and who was it, Spence?" Mary demanded, impatiently.

"It was the night of your party, Miss Mary," the butler explained. "Of all them that came and asked to be let in without tickets, he was the freshest." Obviously the man's parting jibe had left an indelible mark on the old servant's sensitive spot—his dignity. "Why he looked at me as if he'd have liked to do me in, that he did! But I thought as he might be a friend of yours, so I explained about the jewels and the need to keep out thieves. But did he take it like a gentleman would?" He laughed, if you'll believe it, and he called me an old fool," he did, and said "Mind you count the spoons!"

His wrathful, mimetic would have been funny if Mary had not been so preoccupied with the identity of that mysterious visitor. "But who was it, Spence? My brother?"

"Not your brother, Miss," Spence explained testily. "I told you as 'ow 'e was a stranger, and no gentleman, either. 'E had that coat on, as sure as I'm living with the colour turned up about his ears, like this."

"Are you sure?"

"Sure! Where you come in like that, with that coat over you, it brought it back to me as plain as if he was standin' there."

"But this is Eddie's coat, my brother's," Mary told him excitedly. "Oh, Spence, would you know the man again if you saw him? Oh, do you see what this means?" She seized the surprised-old servant by both arms and danced him around. "It means somebody else tried to get in, somebody else did get in, and took the things and did it all, just as us I said! Not Eddie! Oh, Spence, you old lamb—why didn't you tell me this before?"

They were still talking it over hours later, Mary and Mr. Jupiter, across the little green baize card-table drawn up before the library fire. Early dusk had fallen because of the rain, and tea things sat disregarded on the table between them.

Spence, rendered completely agog by the possibility that he had brushed horns with a thief and murderer, was in and out on a variety of self-made errands, ears open to hear all that was said. He had guarded the portals better than he knew, and virtue shone as a garland on his grizzled brow. He was convinced already that he had met the brute in single-handed combat, and subdued him by the majesty of his person, alone.

and that's why they're talking," Mary persisted. "As long as I live, the whispering will go on. Unless this is followed out to the bitter end, now, there'll always be a question-mark hanging over my head. 'What was that old story about her brother? Didn't he kill a woman and rob a horse, or something?' Nobody can prove it, but they'll believe the worst. Even if his husband up. Especially if it's hushed up, they'll think it's true!"

"Rot. People forget. They won't drive you away if you if the Ruythers are back of you. And I aim to leave you a penny or two, remember. You'll be able to snap your fingers at 'em, anyhow."

Mary shook her head stubbornly. "Nobody's going to stand sponsor for me, least of all the Ruythers. And as long as you think what you do about my brother, I can't take a cent from you. You see that, don't you?"

"Don't be a fool!" the old man burst out. "Nobody blames you. You're not much Harkness, anyway. You're more like your mother. But your brother and his pa were two of a kind—full of wild schemes to get money without working for it. And they both ended up under ground, and no wonder. You can't tell me!"

Mary jumped up, red spots burning both cheeks.

Before Jupiter could stop her, he was instantly sorry for his outburst—she had rushed from the room.

When Dirk arrived, she had bathed away the traces of tears and except for a new quietness, a new determination, in her manner, Dirk saw nothing amiss.

They drew the shades against the rain, and sat a while before the fire, hand in hand, her head on his shoulder, wordlessly happy. Mary wished that it might always be like this. She dreaded speaking for sooner or later what lay between them must be discussed. If only she and Dirk could be married right away and go away from everything and everybody for a while!

But in the meantime, what of the man who killed Eddie? At this very minute he was alive somewhere, eating, drinking, laughing, making love—she shuddered involuntarily and Dirk's arm tightened.

"I called you but you weren't in," he said. Loverlike, his tone was faintly accusing. Mary stirred out of his arms. With his words, the whole disturbing day came to life again. Well, better get it over.

"I saw Kane," she said. "Anything new?" Dirk reached for a cigarette.

"New—for me," Mary said wryly. "He told me the truth, for once." Dirk's look was startled. "What did he say?"

"Why, just that the investigation is being dropped. Everyone seems to think Eddie is guilty."

"I wouldn't say that exactly," Dirk said evenly, after a pause. "Then why?"

The worried look had come into his eyes again. Mary could have taken him into her arms and smoothed it away, but she held herself aloof for his next words.

"Don't you think yourself," he asked, evading her eyes, "that it would be pleasanter to keep your name out of the headlines, just now?"

It was true then. Was he speaking for his mother, or himself?

"I'm sorry if it annoys you," she said stiffly.

"Don't be huffy," Dirk pleaded, drawing her back into the circle of his arm again. "You know whatever you do is all right with me, always. But other people have notions. Take mother, now."

"I see," said Mary. "She's old school, you know, and any unpleasantness reflecting on the family name goes right to her pride. It's all foolishness, of course."

"Then why do you cater to her?"

"Because she's my mother, I guess." This should have been a clinching argument, Mary realized, but somehow it wasn't.

"I have a duty, too, to the Hark—(Continued on Page 11.)

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By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1931.

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NOTICE.

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These Greyhounds will be sold to members at \$300 each and are eligible for racing at the Club's "Green Island" Track, Macau.

Members wishing to participate are invited to send in their Names, accompanied with a deposit of \$300 in respect of each dog applied for, as soon as possible.

Names will be booked in the order as received.

Those wishing to participate in the above drawing and are non-members are cordially invited to apply for membership, also at the same address or at the office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hongkong.

CHURCH NOTICES.

To-morrow the First Sunday After Xmas.

LOCAL SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
December 27, Patronal Festival, St. John the Evangelist's Day, Sunday after Christmas.
Holy Communion 7 a.m.
Choral Eucharist 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m.
Children's Service 10 a.m.
Matins and Sermon 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Dean.
Holy Communion 12.15 p.m.
Evening 6.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.
December 28th, The Innocent's Day.
7.45 a.m. Holy Communion.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. (Kowloon).

Sunday, 27th December.
1st Sunday after Christmas—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
8.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Young People's Service. Primary Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Prayer & Sermon. Preacher: The Vicar.
2.45 p.m. Senior & Intermediate Sunday School.
6 p.m. Evening Prayer & Sermon. Preacher, Rev. N. V. Halward.

The Communicants' Preparation Service will be held on Wednesday, December 30, at 8.30 p.m., instead of Friday, January 1.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Andrew's Church on New Year's Day, at 7.15 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station. Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m. Subject—"Christian Science." The Sunday School is held on Sunday Morning at 10 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Meeting at 6 p.m. Reading Room at above address open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Monday and Thursday, 5.30 to 7 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room, Branch of the Mother Church. The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

WESLEYAN CHURCH. (Wanchai).

Sunday, December 27. Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher at both Services Rev. Ellis C. H. Tribbeck.

At the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home:

Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Bible Class, every Sunday at 8.15 p.m. Service Men's Hour.

Boxing Day, December 26.

Special Christmas Party for Service Men 7 p.m.

Tuesday at 8 p.m. Fellowship Hour.

Thursday, December 31, 11 p.m.

Watchnight Service in the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home.

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UNION CHURCH. (Kennedy Road).

Sunday, Dec. 27.—Choir Sunday. Naval Parade Service 10.15 a.m. Services for Public Worship 11 a.m. (Preacher, the Rev. E. G. Powell) and 6 p.m.

Sunday Schools—Kennedy Road 10 a.m.; Taikoo 2.45 p.m.

This being our Choir Sunday, there will be special music at both services. The soloists will be at the Morning Service will be Mrs. F. E. C. Randall, who will sing "Liddie's How Lovely are Thy Dwellings" and Mr. G. McLeod, singing Gound's "Nazareth."

The evening service at 6 p.m. will be a choral service from Handel's Messiah.

UNION CHURCH. (Kowloon).

Sunday, December 27. Morning Service—11 a.m. Anthem by Choir—"Sing and rejoice."

Evening Service, 6 p.m. Preacher: Revd. Frank Short.

Tuesday, December 29.

Young Peoples' Society—Junior Section meets at 6 p.m. and Senior Section at 8.45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 30.

The Annual Christmas Sunday School Treat will be held in the Schoolroom from 3 to 6 p.m.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL

The Management begs to notify that no further reservations can be made for the above function the available accommodation being fully reserved.

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Sunday, 27th December, 1931.
First Race at 1.30 p.m.

Admission:

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Tiffin can be procured at the Race Course at \$1.50.

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DEC. 27.—6 p.m.

Soloists.

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All broken, crushed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns. They will be examined on the 24th December, 1931, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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143 Packages ten.

65 lbs. Woollen Yarn.

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87 Pairs of Scarlet Blankets.

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1 Barrel Talcum powder.

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at their Sales Room,

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ADVERTISING AND EMPIRE TRADE.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S APPEAL.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was entertained at luncheon recently by the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers.

Responding to the toast of his health, Mr. Chamberlain said that there were only two methods of achieving the Government's objective—reducing national expenditure or increasing taxation.

They would probably agree, he thought, that in present conditions any further addition to direct taxation might well have disastrous results upon production, which all wanted to stimulate.

Therefore it was rather to rigid national economy that we must look if we were going to pay our way.

The nation had got to face up to the fact that it had got to tread a narrow, hard, long path, beset by many checks and many austereities.

Mr. Chamberlain, referring to the enormous increase in the power of advertising, asked in what better direction it could be turned than in stimulating the marketing of British-made goods, whether at home or abroad.

"I would like in particular to call your attention to what to me seems to be a specially fruitful field for your activities," he added. "I mean the markets in the Dominions and Empire."

Lord Lake of Pavement, who presided, described advertising as the oil that lubricated distribution and added:

"Advertising may have a wider field of service, and may play a part in that great restoration of national and Imperial trade to which we are all looking forward."

Only by advertising, too, could they get the enormous sales necessary for production on a sufficiently large scale to render possible an all-round reduction in prices.

PASSPORT SLUMP.

"WINTER AT HOME" MOVEMENT.

London, Nov. 26.
There is one Government office where the increase of taxation and the present financial conditions have not resulted in overtime work: the Passport Office.

Yesterday, the Passport Office was practically deserted, writes a correspondent. Two officials stood idle in the entrance lobby, and they almost rubbed their eyes with amazement when they learnt that I wished to renew my passport. They directed me, however, to a room where three more officials were standing at a counter, waiting, like Mr. Micawber, for something to turn up.

I explained that I required several alterations to be made in my passport, including a visa for all European countries and a renewal for five years. Bearing in mind the thorough methods of the Passport Department, I added a suggestion that I would return in a few days' time.

I was assured, however, that this was quite unnecessary, and ten minutes later the whole business had been satisfactorily completed.

An official told me that he attributed the lassitude in the Passport Office largely to the patriotic example set by the Duke of Connaught in deciding to winter in England. "I am sure that this action has had a far-reaching effect in discouraging the Englishmen from going abroad," he added.

This, with the adverse rate of exchange and the increase of taxation, has, he explained, resulted in a marked decrease in the number of those wanting passports except for purely business reasons.

WOMEN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

NEW ACCESSORIES ADD "PERIOD" TO WINTER MODE.

THERE'S HINT OF PAST IN SMART "EXTRAS" FOR TO-DAY'S WARDROBE.

[By Julia Blyshard.]

There should be no question mark in your mind this winter about the charm and chie of period accessories.

Half the fun of the new styles, as a matter of fact, comes from the large assortment of jewellery, gloves, hats, handkerchiefs, belts, slippers and other accessories that derive their inspiration from less democratic days.

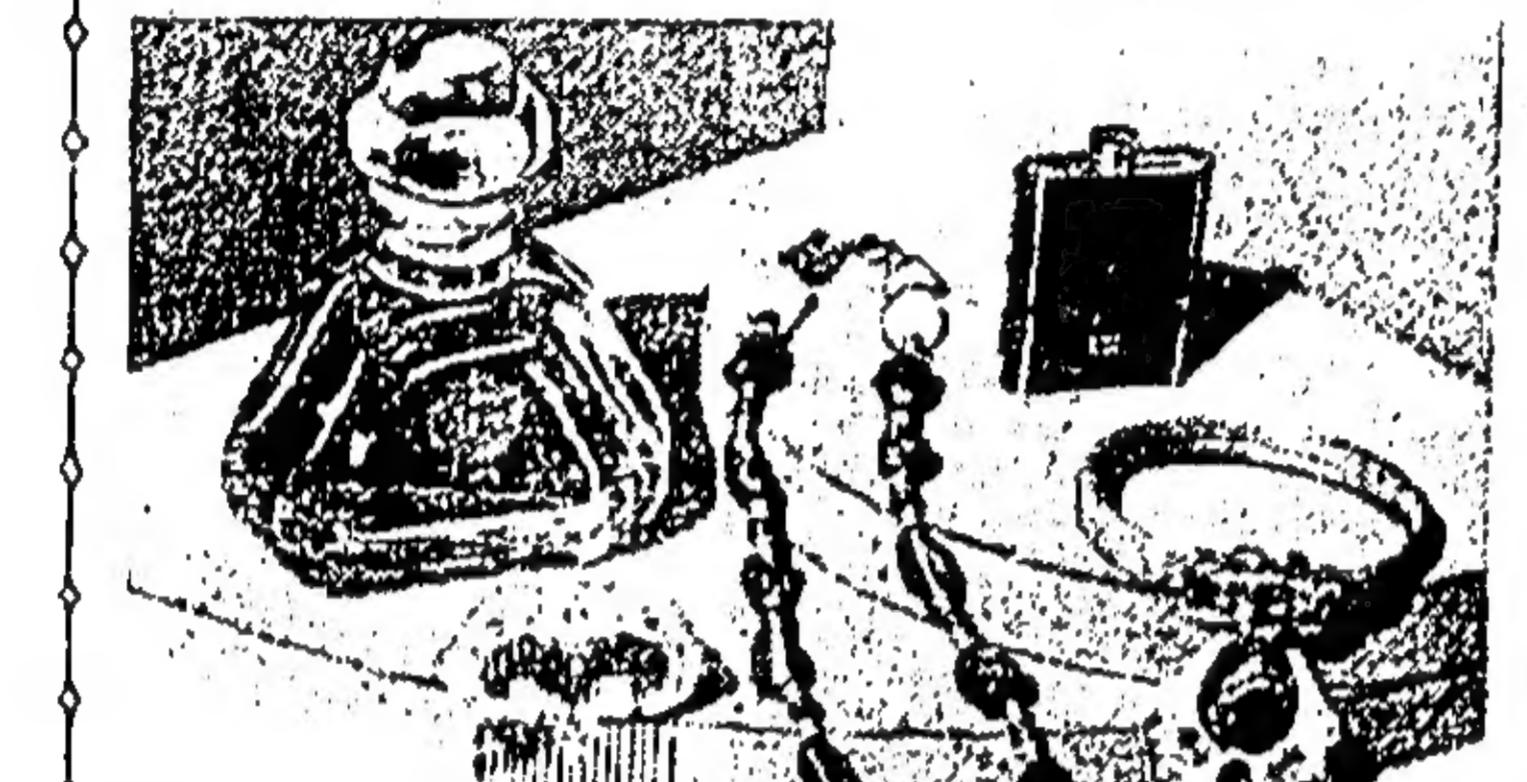
There are a couple of smart things you can do to give yourself a good name for style. First, you can let your accessories be absolutely the last word in authenticity for the period suit, hat, frock or coat you are wearing. Second, you can be a bit daring and select a single pair of startling earrings or a handsome brooch and build your costume as an unique one around it.

Flower Muffs Blossom in the Winter.

The latest evening accessory is a flower muff. It is simply wonderful, if you are the kind of slender thing that can carry one off in unconscious manner. Pale pink roses, attached to bands of ribbon, fashion this dainty. It is charming with a pink chiffon evening gown with simple lines.

There is a vogue for dragging out the family earings and

the latest accessories include (above) a pearl and rhinestone evening comb, daytime necklace of semi-precious stones and rondels of gold, a period bracelet with pendant, and a compact that has everything. New one-strap evening sandals (below) are of gold and silver mesh and satin.



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FASHION NOTES.

Interesting Uses of Furs.

One of the most interesting uses of fur is for the short jacket meant to be worn over dresses. Nothing this year is quite so smart. Here, if ever, you get diversity. Bolero-like jackets, snug round the hips, or with a basque flare; box jackets, belted for sports. Of heavier and unbuttoned outer; for sports; of Hudson seal, of black-dyed ermine and le, of carnel and astrakhan for town; of white ermine, for evening.

Shawls, having taken a new lease life, the couturiers are making them in soft furs.

Coloured velvet scarves, particularly in the fawn, caramel, burnt-orange, and apricot shades are being made into marvellous wraps trimmed with fox, dyed exactly to match them. Pox, they say, is rivalling the rainbow on next season's models.

There are waistcoats of shaven fur—just the thing for the winter tailor-made. These are to be worn under tailor-mades, tweed coats, and sports suits. There are fur-trimmed bats and fur-gauntlet "gloves," and the amount of fur used by most of the large dressmaking houses to trim frocks and coats sends up the cost by thousands of francs.

NEW LINGERIE.

Is More Feminine.

There are many alternatives to the trousered suit for sleeping and rest wear this autumn. A demure nightgown has an oyster lace bodice, with puff sleeves, and a skirt of peach satin, with a ruched waist in the Empire style.

Dressing-gowns are filmy affairs of embossed velvet, chiffon, and swansdown. One of shell-pink broche velvet seen at a lingerie parade was lined with swansdown

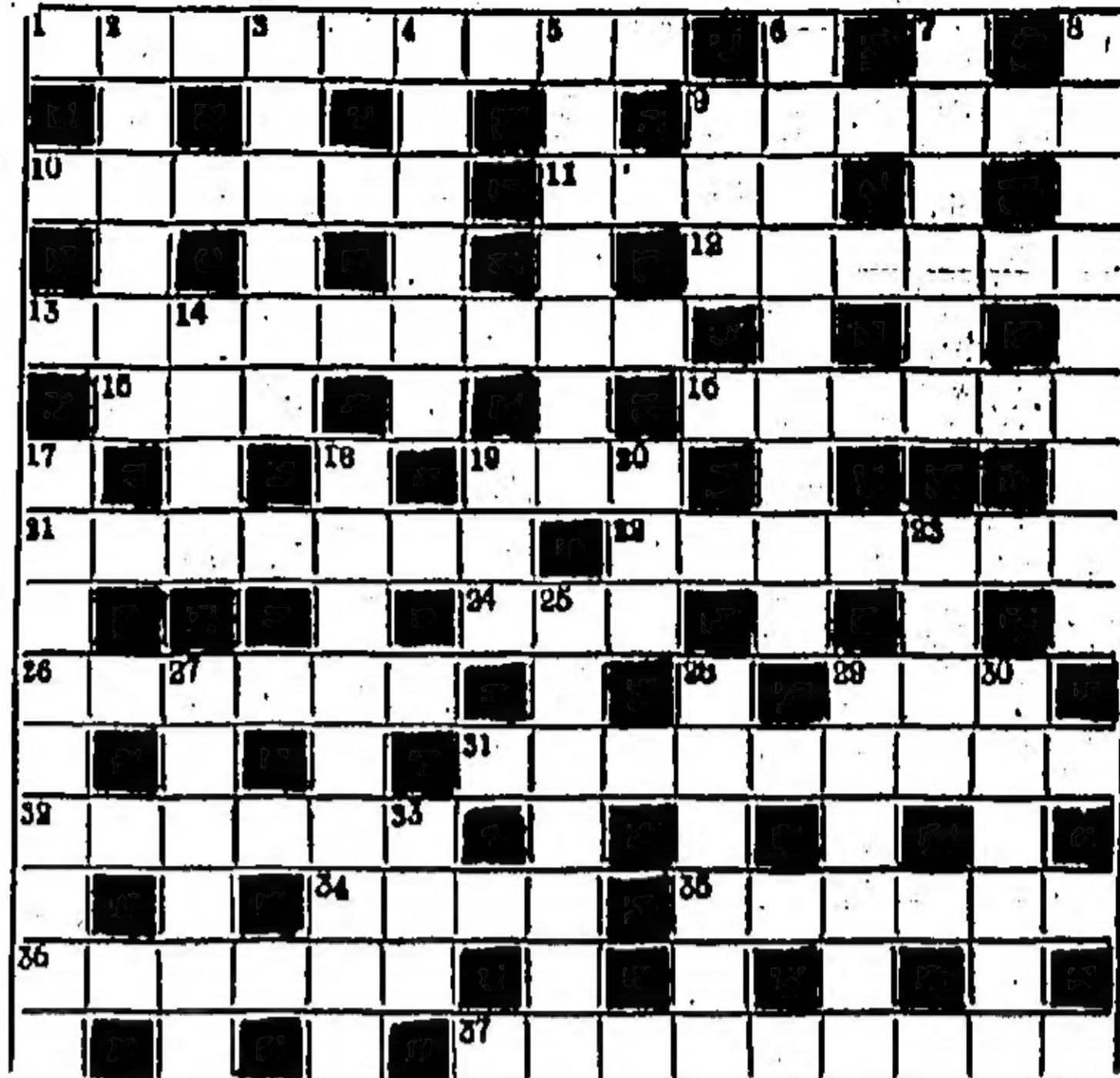
to match; another was made of Persian lame in vivid green and red, with floating sleeves and a slight train. This matched a pyjama suit in which each wide leg was accordion pleated, giving the impression 'o' a divided skirt.

Chiffon applique with velvet flowers is a lovely material used for a new rest gown. Equally striking are the black crepe de Chines printed with very definite and vivid flower pattern. Yellow and red tulips printed on a black ground are used for a pyjama suit, worn with a tight-fitting jacket of yellow crepe de Chine.

So! That's It, Is It?



OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



Across

- A lot of people closely examine the links.
- This young lady is the knave of clubs at least.
- Used with one's way.
- "A doctor? Probe the wound!" altogether describes what you arrived in.
- A science that strangely has little appeal to the inveterate first-nighter.
- A Varsity domestic.
- This cat is a child's game.
- A superman who appears a more nothing after a lady.
- The bird's transferred 'phone number appears to be 9; it really must be fabulous.
- A wing, colloquially.
- See a fellow about some rag or other, and get a fearsome beast.
- Delicate in a City haunt.
- Often follows an old knight.
- Possess.

Thursday's Solution.

S	T	A	L	E	M	A	T	E	B	T	R
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The other section visualises a great petrol war—a three-cornered affair in which the contestants will be the British interests, represented by Shell-Mex and B.P.; American interests as represented in England by Anglo-American (part of the great Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, which controls Redline, Glico, and other spirits in England); Petroleum Storage and Finance Corporation (which markets Cleveland petrol and is dominated by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana); and Russian interests as represented by Russian Oil Products.

Import Tax.

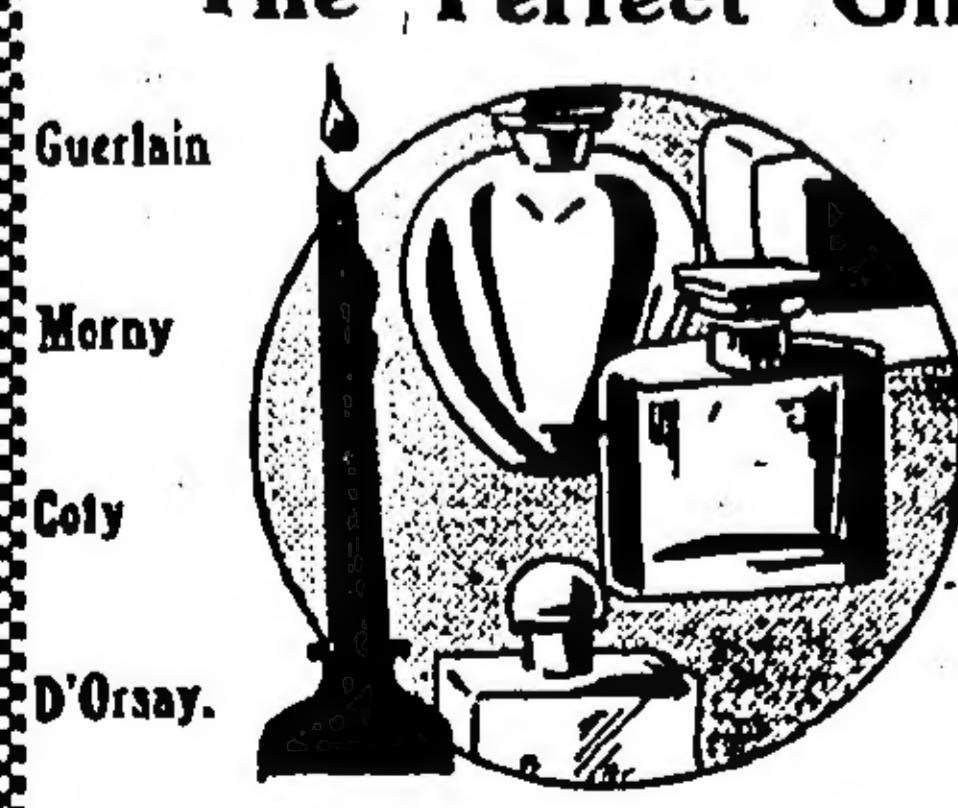
It is the opinion of those who believe a petrol "war" to be inevitable that, in the next Budget, there will be an import tax on this commodity, which will force the price of petrol up. This would mean a definite break away by Anglo-American from the "Combine."

Whatever the outcome, the general consensus of opinion is that there will be an amalgamation of the three big concerns rather than three-cornered war.

There is another factor to be taken into consideration. That is, the future of a fourth group of oil companies, the non-combine concerns, who are tied to no price agreements, who buy spirit in the open market and sell to garages at such a low cost that petrol is retailed to the public at 2d. or 3d. a gallon below the "Combine" price.

By Bloesser

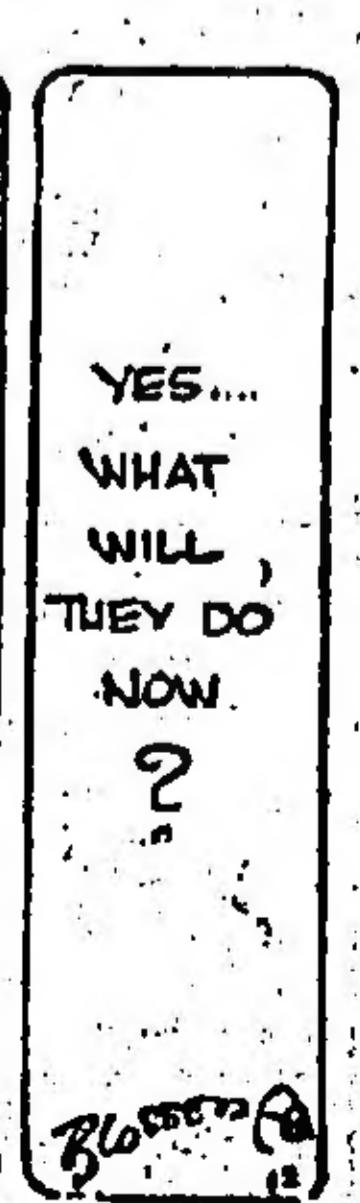
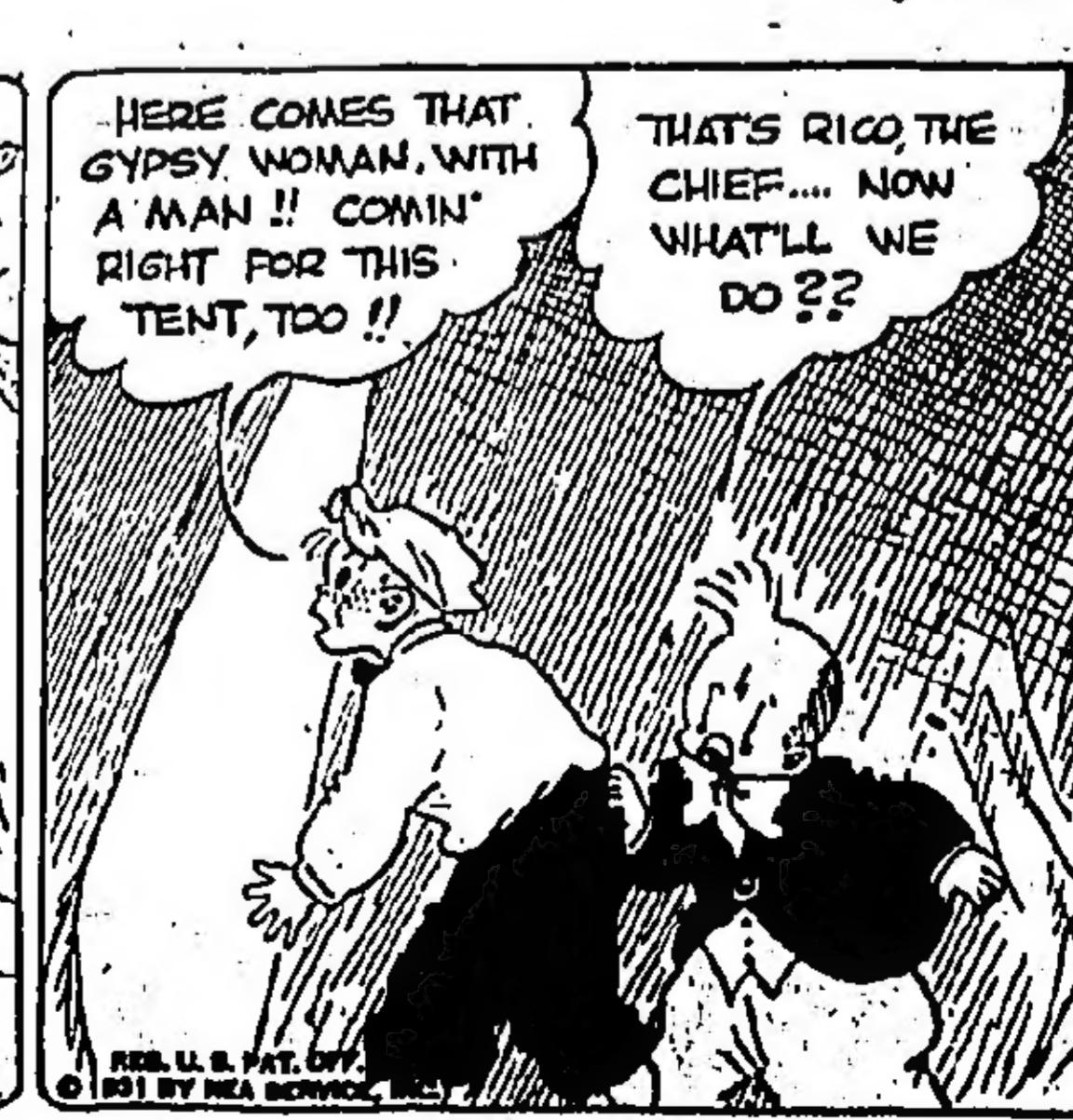
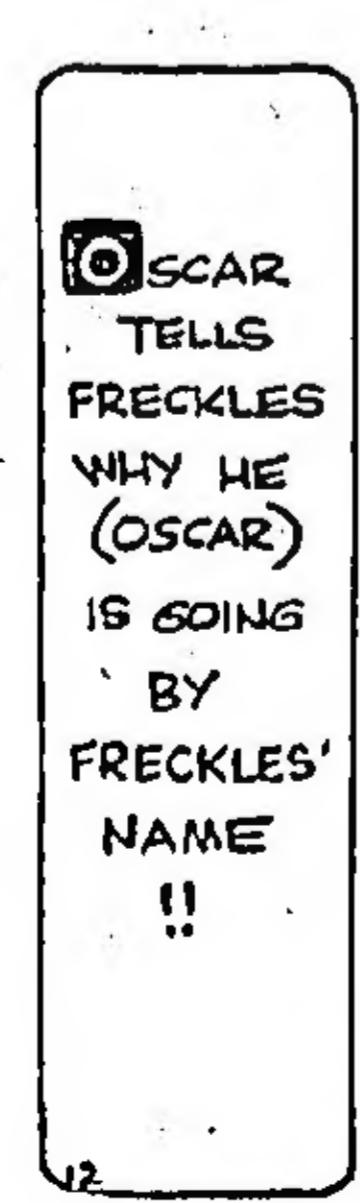
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BIRTH.

McBRIDE.—At the Victoria Hospital, on December 25, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McBride, a daughter, (Stillborn).

Hongkong Telegraph

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1931.

A MORATORIUM FOR GERMANY.

Those who have followed recent developments in Europe will not be surprised at the conclusion reached by the Advisory Committee of the Young Plan that Germany must be granted a moratorium, in respect of her conditional annuities, beyond the period covered by the Hoover holiday scheme. It has long been apparent that Germany has been coming to the end of her tether so far as payment of her obligations is concerned. The Basle experts therefore are merely recognising the obvious. That is something, of course, but it by no means solves the problem. The next step is to get the interested Powers to agree to some common policy, failing which we can only contemplate a catastrophe of great magnitude.

It is interesting, now that the facts are being faced, to note an opinion recently expressed by Mr. Thomas W. Lamont, who was a member of the Committee which drafted the Young Plan, that Germany's first business is to make a definite settlement with France. He asserted that France must be come to terms with, both financially and politically, and suggested that she would be found not unreasonable. This view is hardly supported by recent French declarations, or by the attitude of the French bankers at Basle. Admittedly, financial reinforcements from other nations would continue to be timorous until France made it plain that she had no intention of driving Germany to economic ruin, whilst an increased investment of francs in Germany would bolster France.

German peace. But it appears to us futile to speculate on the possibility of separate Franco-German negotiations; the matter is one, as the Basle Committee realises, for common action by all concerned. The agitation in Germany for treaty revision looks now like being strengthened by the finding of the experts. After all is said and done, this agitation for revision both of the treaties and of reparations is quite understandable, even though the finding underlying it may have to some extent hampered Germany's recovery. Without a doubt it has increased the paralysing resentment under which she has been labouring.

Maybe also it has retarded efforts to meet her obligations by encouraging the hope that they will not have to be met. Thus reparations, which constitute only eight per cent. of the Reich's budget, which is reduced nearly one-half by payments from the State railways, have loomed so large that greater opportunities for economy have not been perceived until relatively recent times.

In the near future, the whole of this reparations revision issue will have to be squarely faced. Then will come the real crux of the problem. Mr. Lamont, we see, has suggested a thousand million marks annually, about half the German payments under the Young Plan, as a possible basis for settlement. Certainly in view of the reduced value of commodities—with which Germany ultimately must pay—a downward revision seems expedient and even imperative. But whether France, for example, would consent to a fifty per cent. reduction, even if the United States made a reduction in debt charges, seems very doubtful. Whatever the terms may be, it is clear that only some broad-based settlement will diminish those fears which have caused the flight of domestic and foreign capital from Germany. Moreover, until this great issue is out of the way, there will be small prospects of that world recovery for which we are all so anxiously waiting.

Youth's Ideals.

Somehow Christmas set our thoughts going upon the subject of ideals, the ideals of the youth of to-day—or his lack of them. Reluctantly, we came to the conclusion that the younger generation seems scarcely to possess single ideal in their store of thoughts. They are too easily drawn to worship at the alter of materialism. Their attitude to life and its problems is ruled by the mere conditions affecting the sustenance of life. Difficulties are things to be avoided rather than faced and overcome. The younger generation, in this time of world crisis, are thinking not of what contribution they can make, however small, to world betterment, but to ways and methods by which they may acquire a comfortable income with what seems to be a reasonable "degree of honesty." They say that, since you exist in a hard and business-like world, you must adapt yourself to it, and live your life in accordance with the rules of "practicability." The attitude is rather pitiful in its narrow dullness? It is all very well for people to say that the idealist is usually a nuisance. He may be. But too often a "nuisance" is nothing more than somebody who is trying to awaken others from the lethargy of mental decay, to point out for them a path which may lead to higher things—at anyrate to different things. The materialist is apt to forget that, no matter how you progress in a material sense, if you do not progress with the development of your mind, of your capacity to think, then you will stagnate and degenerate. This is a fact, not a hypothesis. And never has the younger generation had more need of capacity to think than it has today. At a time when the peoples of the world should be beginning to think and talk in terms of "internationalism," when disarmament is one of the crucial questions of the day, when religious thoughts and life is at its most confused and complex period, the youngsters of to-day have in their possession the key to a new world. We are living in a period of transition. Will it be to better or to worse? We have listened long

DAY BY DAY

IT IS NOT BECAUSE PROPERTY IS UNEQUALLY DISTRIBUTED, NOR EVEN BECAUSE INDIVIDUALISM HAS ITS HORRORS, THAT BOLSHEVISM HAS COME UPON US. IT IS BECAUSE FOR LACK OF VISION OR FOR OVERPLUS OF FALSE VISION THE PEOPLES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO PERISH.—Israel Zangwill.

It is notified that Mr. Phillip Jackson, formerly as Land Officer on the 19th instant.

Mrs. A. C. Franklin will distribute the prizes at Cheung Chau Government School on Tuesday, December 29, at 3.15 p.m.

A Gazette notification states that His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has appointed Saturday, the 2nd day of January, 1932, to be observed as a general holiday.

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a donation of \$100 to the funds of the Home from H. M. S. Cumberland (ship's fund).

The speaker at the next meeting of the Rotary Club on Tuesday, December 29, will be the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Commissioner, Boy Scouts' Association, who will take as his subject "Scouting in Hongkong."

The Gazette contains scale of charges by the Medical Department for radiological examinations, electric treatment, massage, etc., as well as fees for analytical examinations at the Government Laboratory.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the Empress of Japan were Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roxburgh; Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Draper, M. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mossop, and Mr. A. Stokkink.

STUDENTS FROM AUSTRALIA.

DUE IN HONGKONG SHORTLY.

The s.s. Taiping, which is due to arrive from Australia on 8th January, 1932, will bring a party of students on an educational tour of the East.

These students will be members of the Australian Universities and Great Public Schools, and the tour will be under the personal supervision of Professor J. MacDonald Holmes, B.Sc., F.R.G.S., Professor of Geography, Sydney University; Professor Harvey Sutton, Director of the School of Tropical Medicine, Sydney University, will also be in the party.

Arrangements are being made by Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, Ltd., for visits to Canton and Macao, drives round the island and New Territory, dinner dance at Repulse Bay, Chinese dinner party, etc.

The students will return to Australia in the s.s. Taiping on January 15th.

enough to those who prize of "human nature," or the "inborn prejudices of man," and all the rest. Our ideals alone can point the way. At least let us try to follow them.



"Please, Joe, keep away from that guy's left. I got two bucks bet on you."

"Sweated" School Children.

By J. A. M.

"SHOULD home lessons be eliminated for school children under the age of twelve?" This question has often been asked. But why touch but the fringe of the question? Why should not the much more pressing problem of the over-crowded curriculum be tackled? The home lesson question would not be acute.

On every side the cry is heard: "The curriculum is over-crowded." Parents and teachers unite in bemoaning their fate, but are not those most to be pitied the pupils themselves? Lately the Secretary of the Scottish Education Department put up a strong plea for the lightening of the school load. One of his contentions was that in our primary schools teachers were devoting too much time to certain operations in arithmetic, operations the learning of which was of practically no value to the average pupils of twelve years of age.

Some time ago the Chief Education Officer of Edinburgh in a report on this controversial subject of home lessons made some very sound observations. One of these in particular causes one to think furiously. "Arithmetic, if given, should involve no new rule, and should be simple." Part of that statement should be printed in letters of gold on every teacher's desk. "Arithmetic should be simple." That is the crux of the whole matter.

Most of the arithmetic schemes in the country require overhauling. By the time a pupil reaches the qualifying stage, arithmetic is often a troublesome subject. In the majority of counties roughly one-third of the total marks awarded at qualifying examinations are handed out to arithmetic, and far too often to an arithmetic which is most unsuited to its purpose. Question teachers on the point and they maintain they are not responsible, for they must work for these control examinations. But to a large extent teachers must shoulder the blame. Does it not rest with them to decide how much of any one subject they can teach thoroughly in the time allotted? If the whole school curriculum has become overcrowded, then it follows that the addition of each new subject must have entailed a reduction in time given to other subjects.

Trapping the Pupil.

What seems to happen is that less time than formerly is actually given to the subjects already on the time-table, but there is no reduction in the amount of work to be professed. The slogan seems to be—"Shorten the working time but keep up the former output. And we are dealing with children under twelve years of age!

In the first place, who are responsible for these qualifying papers, papers which regulate the standard of the output, papers in which pupils must make a certain percentage of marks before they may be admitted to an advanced division course? Inquiry shows that sometimes teachers themselves are responsible; sometimes H.M. Inspectors of Schools have performed the disagreeable tasks; sometimes Directors of Education

These seem to be the regulation way of testing a pupil's knowledge of time. Yet what does a working man require a better knowledge of than "time," except "money"? In some 120 test papers examined only one really practical sum on time is found:

"A man works from 8 a.m. till 4.45 p.m. daily from Monday to Friday with an interval of one hour and a quarter each day at noon. On Saturday he works from 7.30 a.m. till 12 noon. Find his weekly wage at 1s. 6d. per hour."

Further investigation found only other two instances of a like nature occurring in another batch of 1000 sums. Possibly the selection was an unfortunate one. Are teachers afraid to bring the outside world and its doings into the school? Are not schools in existence that pupils may learn to take their place in the world?

Fond of Eggs.

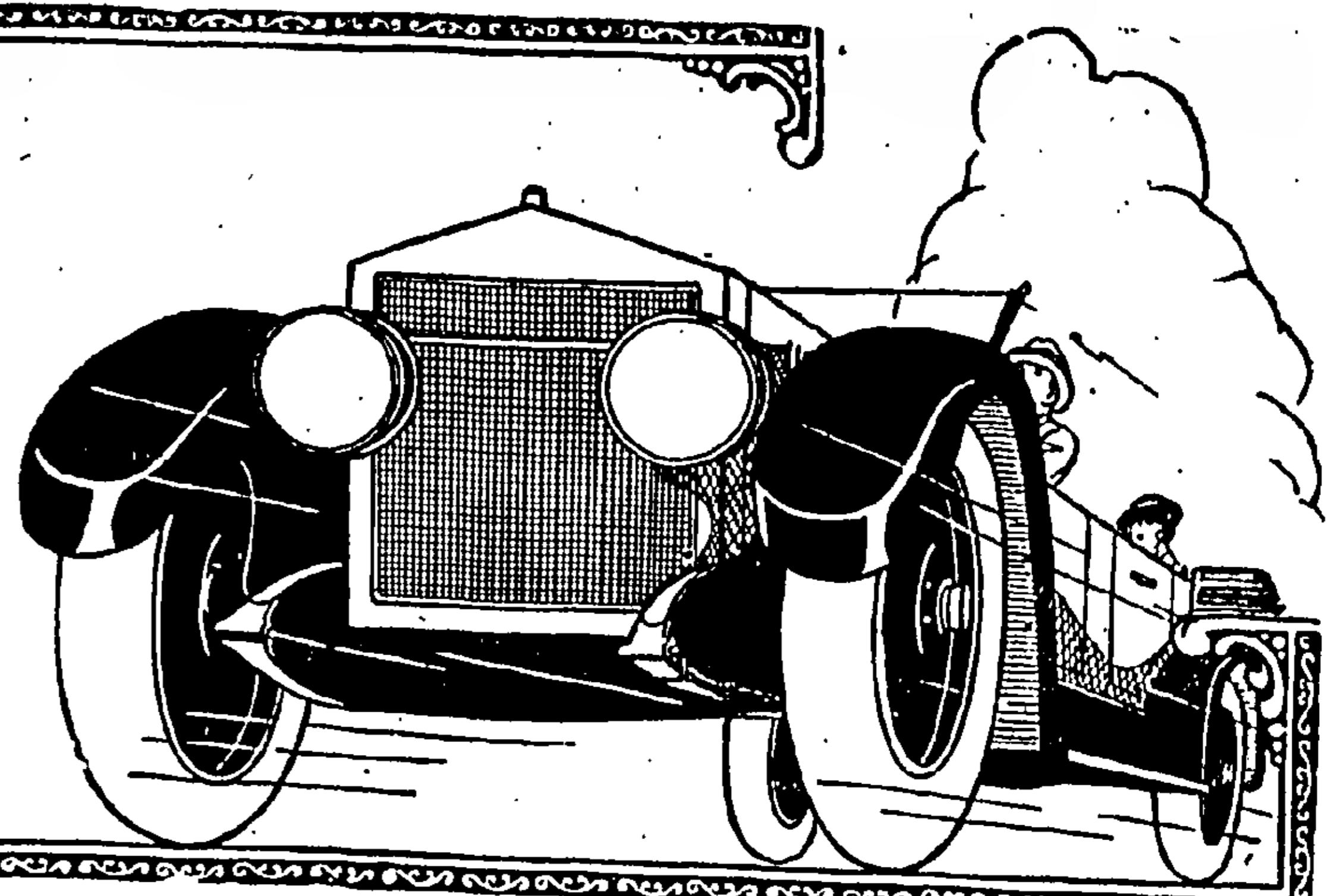
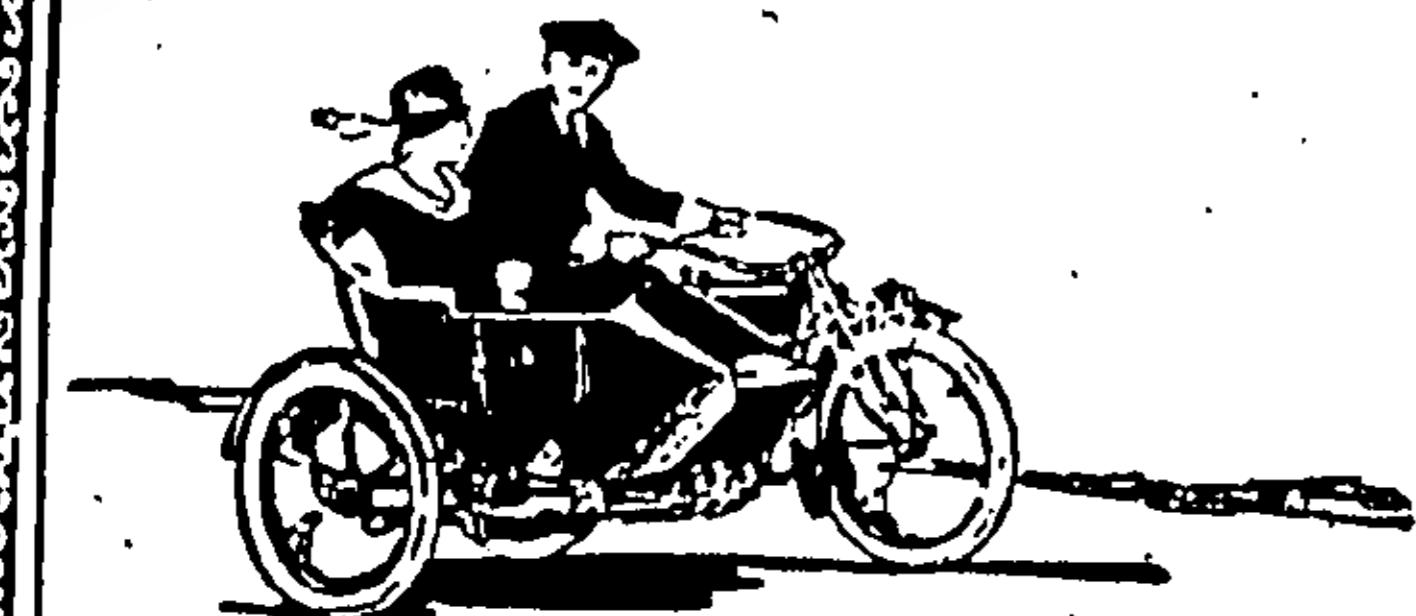
When one turns to bills, one is invariably struck by the examiners' love for eggs.

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Somehow these do not seem real. One might almost say these eggs leave a nasty taste in the mouth. You feel instinctively there is a something "not nice" about them, that you are going "to be had" somehow.

One final point. "Decimals to three places" says the Code. Alas, how often has that phrase been but skimmed by the reader. Its full import not gathered! In one batch of fifty test papers there are 41 sums which require a knowledge of decimals. In 20 of these (Continued on Page 7)

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JURRENT COMMENT

An Improvement

It has been recently noticed that public car vehicles on the Chater Road stand have adopted a better system in accepting fares, i.e., the first car on the rank is given preference by the other drivers, and the others move up in turn. It would appear that official action has been taken in the matter, for a man is now on duty who sees that the correct system is followed. Without doubt a very great improvement has been effected, and it is to be hoped that the public will assist by always engaging the first car on the rank. We imagine that other drivers would be quite justified in refusing fares if their vehicles are not in the correct place in front of the line.

Pedder Street.

Pedder Street has lost the congestion of yore, thanks to the prohibition of parking, but it does seem somewhat unnecessary to prevent cars from stopping outside a shop for a few minutes. There seems no reason why a driver should not be allowed to leave his car to pay a hurried visit to one of the shops, and providing his business takes about five minutes or so, no inconvenience would be caused.

TIME SAVING.

Power Washers for Garages.

PROFITABLE PLANT.

Most garages and service stations have by now realised the value of power car washing, but one factor which has in many cases operated against the installation of such time-saving and profitable equipment has been the high cost of plant.

For nearly 12 months, continuous experimental and research work has been carried out by Newtons of Taunton, to ascertain the possibilities of marketing a complete range of high-pressure car washers which would overcome the disadvantage of high first cost and which would enable complete full pressure, full capacity, reliable and simple car washing to be made available at prices within the reach of every trader. The Newton-Rotorforce Washer and the Newton-Hydraplunge Washer are the results of this study.

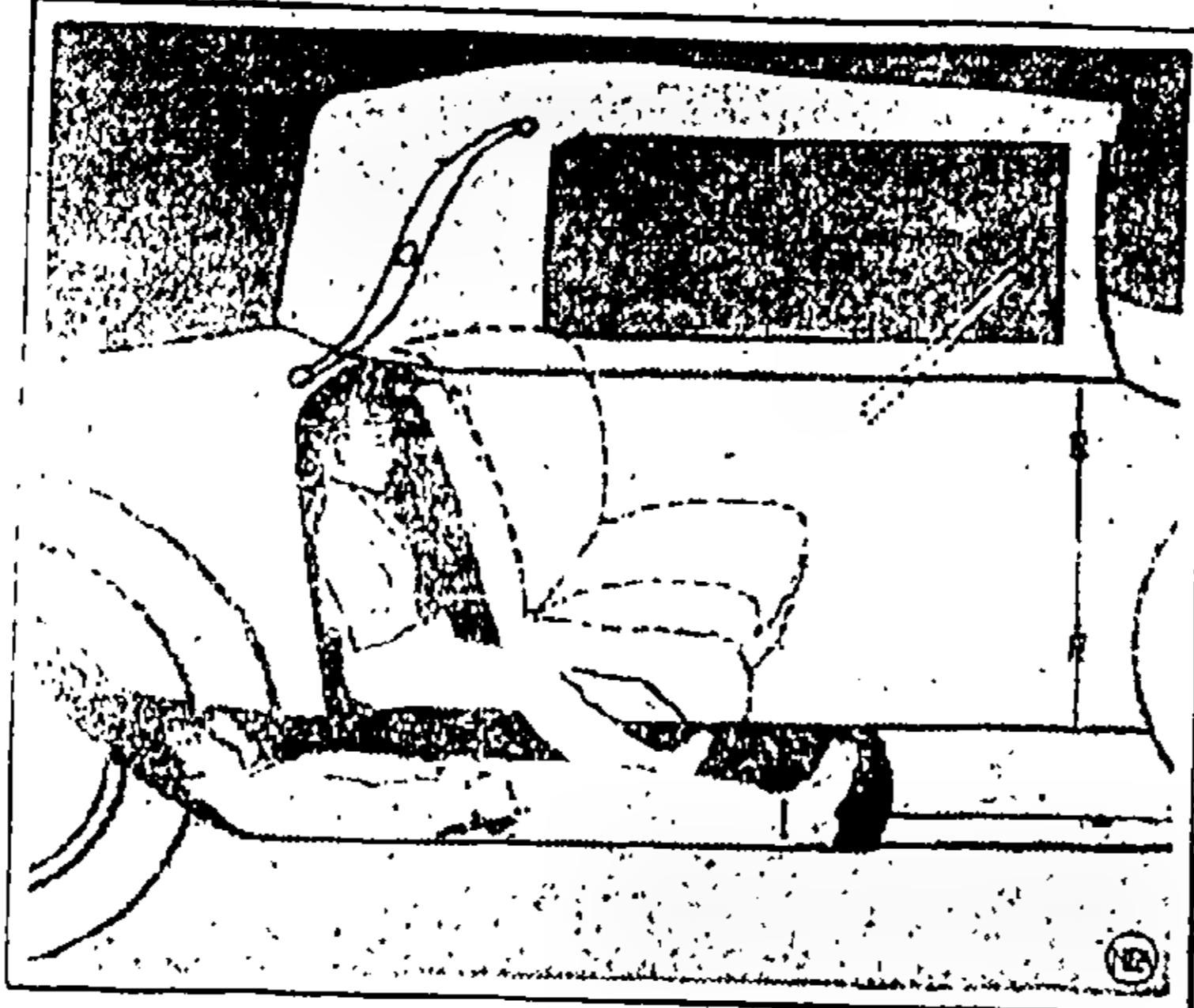
The Rotorforce Washer incorporates a patent rotary pattern pump, which has only two moving parts; its mechanical efficiency is nearly 80 per cent, and it is quite noiseless in operation. Seven distinct models are produced, ranging from the one gun to a full six gun unit, and in this way the smallest garage, or even the private car owner, can use power washing as can also large garages and service stations.

The Hydraplunge type has been developed to meet the demand from those who prefer a pump of the plunger type. The design reduces the cost of maintenance, uses parts as do wear requiring renewal only after long service. In fact, the complete washer can, after years of hard work, at any time be brought back to the equivalent of new condition at negligible expense.

A characteristic feature of the Newton-Hydraplunge washer is the provision of the patent Trip Relief. This automatically lifts the suction valves when the guns are closed, relieving the electric motor of load and appreciably reducing running costs.

The guns themselves are in every case of special design, easy to handle and efficient in use. They give a graduation from a fine mist for body work.

USED TO SMUGGLE ALIENS.



A neat scheme of smuggling aliens across the Mexican border was discovered by police at San Jose, Calif., recently when they seized the automobile of Allen Coborn and found the arrangement shown here whereby four men could be concealed in it. Coborn got \$250 each for smuggling the men into the United States.

POPULAR MIDGET.

Large-Bodied "Small" Car.

THE NEW HILLMAN MINX.

the rear, and holds 6½ gallons, feed to the carburettor being by pump. The tyres are 4.50 in. section, which is larger than usual for a car of this size. An ingenious feature is the manner in which the tools are disposed, each in its own special clip on a neat platform under the bonnet.

TAKING PANES!

Prizes for Window Breaking!

SUCCESSFUL STUNT.

One of the most novel competitions at the Triplex Company's sports at Birmingham this year was that in which all-comers were invited to hurl wooden balls at a window casement, and were offered £1 for each outside pane they broke!

This seemed a good thing until it was discovered that, as might have been expected, the outside panes were of Trislex. Strong men hurled with all their might but although the glass was sometimes "starred," no competitor even came near to claiming the money. Mr. Rosinald Delpach, sales director and founder of the company, was no more successful

CRUDE OIL UNITS.

Thornycroft Diesel Engines.

True to their traditions as pioneers in the development of internal combustion engines for motor boats and vehicles, John I. Thornycroft & Co. Limited, have been persistently engaged for some time past in responding to the increasing demand for heavy oil engines.

Their early reputation was made with much improved steam engines equipped in boats and road vehicles, and subsequently they led the way in producing these with internal combustion engines.

Ten years ago they successfully developed the gas producer for motor vehicles, and actually won the French Government Trials with a Thornycroft lorry so equipped, but this proved too much in advance of its time.

Now they have again become prominent with new designs of Diesel type engines, examples of which they exhibited in the Marine Section of the Motor Show, suitably equipped for marine service, and at the Commercial Motor Transport Show, where one of these was installed in the new Thornycroft 12-ton six-wheeled freight chassis. It attracted great attention, while even greater interest was aroused by a working exhibit of this engine, where visitors were able to inspect and "handle" it in operation.

This Thornycroft type CI/6 engine, as it is designated, has six cylinders of 5.8 in. bore and 6.5 in. stroke, and develops up to 100 h.p. at 1,600 r.p.m. Its efficiency is the result of clever design of the combustion chambers, pistons, etc., and it is interesting to add a Thornycroft type of fuel pump and injectors is employed.

Although it is premature to promise too much of this engine at the moment, it is encouraging to overseas users to know that it is so well advanced as to be shortly available as an alternative to petrol engines for service in districts where the fuel is more scarce and expensive

than his stalwart employees. The panes in the centre of the window frame were of ordinary plate glass, and were easily broken; no prize, however, was offered for this.

In spite of poor weather the sports were a great success, included in the party from London were Lt.-Col. O. C. Clare, D.S.O., chairman of the company, Mr. Graham Cunningham, managing director, and Mr. Delpach. So many members of the office staff and of the Willesden factory attended that it was necessary to run a special train each way.

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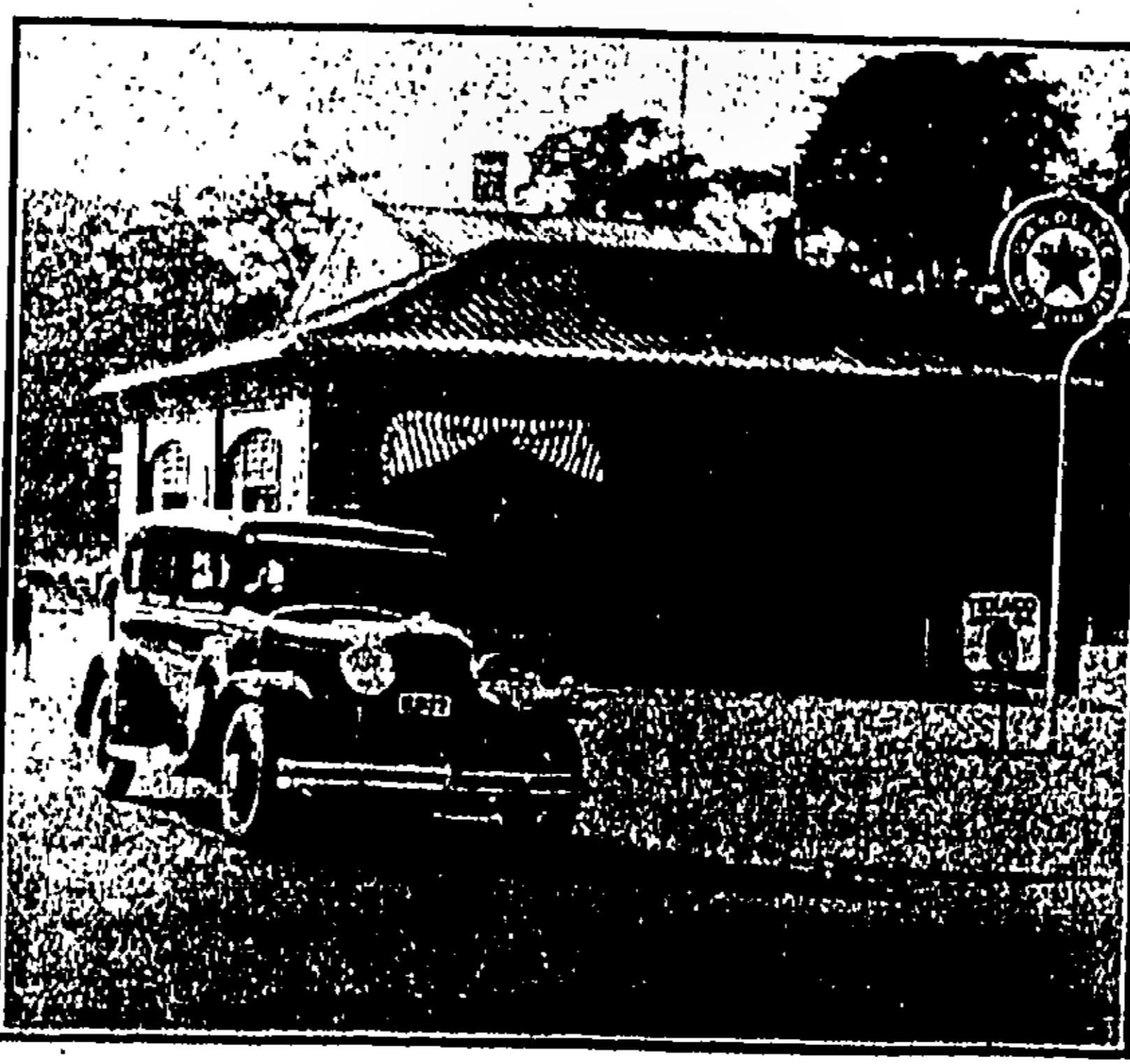
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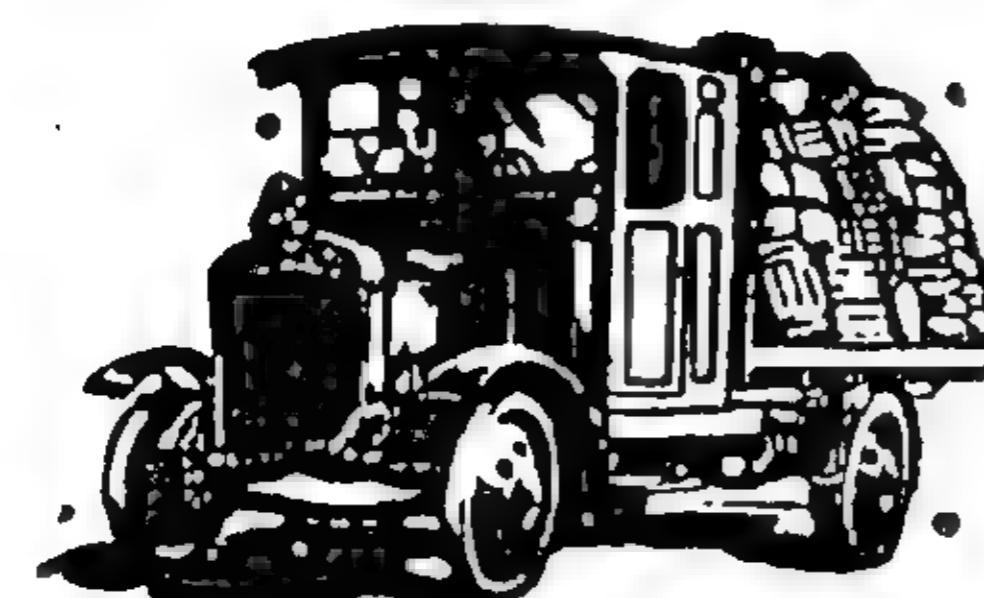
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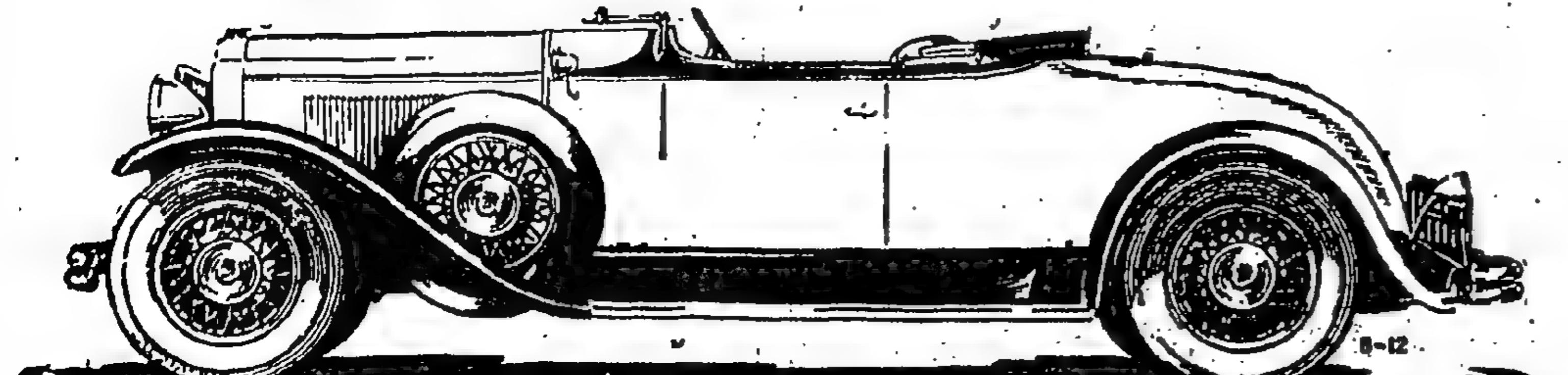
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[Special Report to the Hongkong Telegraph by R.A.C.]

Good Business Done

During the first six days of the recent Commercial Motor Transport Exhibition some 40,000 people visited Olympia and examined the products of the very progressive industry represented there. Not only was the attendance highly satisfactory in point of numbers but in quality also. Some large orders were definitely placed and a considerable number are likely to mature as the result of so many enquiries received, of which it is satisfactory to record a useful proportion were from overseas.

Although from recent experience of modern passenger carrying vehicles on the road it would appear difficult to add to the comfort of such machines, it has none the less been done. The actual seating is more comfortable than ever and manufacturers have devoted attention to improving ventilation and heating systems. In the case of long distance coaches, the matter of proper luggage accommodation has been dealt with in a number of cases.

With the higher average speeds of to-day, improvements have been made in braking and steering systems, as well as suspension. Lower centres of gravity are the rule and vehicles generally hold the road better than their predecessors. Such safeguards as Triplets, bumpers, and some form of non-dazzle device are nowadays the rule rather than the exception. Of the latter, one that is extensively used is the Lucas system in which electrically or pneumatically controlled reflectors can be operated to throw the beams of light downwards and to the near side of the road.

The Trend of Single Deckers.

An excellent example of a modern 32-seater bus is the new Albion Valiant, which was shown with a sliding roof body. The 6-cylinder engine is of the high compression type with inclined overhead valves, this arrangement allowing the cylinder heads to be removed without disturbing the timing. To avoid steam condensation in the engine, special breathers are arranged at the highest points and the inside design is kept clean.

The firm's exhibits at Olympia included a 62-seater double deck bus exemplifying the very latest progress in design for municipal service, where constant starting, stopping, acceleration and braking impose very severe conditions. The engine is 92 h.p. overhead valve 6-cylinder type and the transmission line is off-set, a new design of back axle being employed with very shallow pot casings.

During the first six days of the Show A.E.C. definitely sold 125 vehicles, including an order from Hull Corporation for 30 buses. They made special arrangements for their employees to visit Olympia and this involved the purchase of 4,000 tickets.

On the main stand the A.C.C. Regent double decker was very prominent as it was shown with a special lightweight body seating 66 persons. As the complete vehicle fulfills all present day requirements of the Ministry of Transport in regard to weight and tilting, the construction of the body may be regarded as an outstanding achievement.

The Leyland Titan was first shown at Olympia four years ago and in the interval had achieved vast popularity both at home and Overseas. In its latest form

various improvements have been incorporated. For instance, a full-floating rear axle has now been substituted for the semi-floating type previously used and a new frame permitting the use of 9 in. low pressure tyres has been adopted. A new design of brake, too, permits the drums to be removed for inspection or re-lining with the hub in position.

Trolley Bus Developments.

By the way, the Titan double decker forms the basis of the new Leyland trolley bus, the electrical equipment being supplied by the G.E.C.

One of an order for the Chelmsford Corporation, the complete 4-wheel double deck trolley bus shown by Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies has accommodation for 24 passengers in each saloon. In the case of this vehicle and also of the 6-wheel chassis (one of 13 for Nottingham Corporation), power is derived from a series wound 80 b.h.p. traction motor. The chassis was designed to take a double deck top covered body seating 60-65 passengers.

Ransomes, of course, are specialists in body building and it is interesting to note that they are supplying some 40 bus bodies for the new Thornycroft chassis on order for Egypt. Thirty of these will be 20-seaters and the remainder 14-seaters.

A Fountain of Oil.

An ingenious method of drawing attention to their products was adopted at the Show by Alexander Duckham & Co. on whose stand there was a fountain of "Morrisol Commercial" oil. The firm's experts have collaborated with Morris Commercial engineers with the result that Duckham's are the only oils now recommended by Morris Commercial Cars Ltd. for use in their vehicles.

Another section of the stand was devoted to New Process oil among the advantages of which are ease of starting, freedom from carbon deposits and economy in running. Also, one grade serves for both summer and winter.

The remainder of this exhibit was devoted to lubricants for heavy oil engines, as now used in a number of commercial vehicles.

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CAR DRIVERS PSYCHO-ANALYSED.

Expert and Human Accident Causes.

Chicago, Nov 27.—The automobile driver is going to be the engineering problem of making the highways safer for travel. For it is recognized among the traffic authorities that automobiles are safer than highways and the highways safer than motorists.

This will be the first time motorists will undergo the critical examination heretofore only given to the automobile, the highway and traffic in general.

The examination is to be made before some of the foremost traffic experts of the country when they gather in this city, October 12 to 16, for what is considered the outstanding traffic safety conference of the year.

This, however, will be only one of many topics to be discussed in at least 15 sessions of the Twentieth Annual Safety Congress and Exposition which will be devoted to the problems of making our automobile highways and drivers safer.

Human Accident Causes.

Dr. W. V. Bingham, of the Personnel Research Federation and chairman of the National Safety Council's "committee on the driver," will undertake to identify the accident-prone motorists. He will point out that many factors besides the lack of ability to drive may enter into an operator's high frequency record.

The possibility of physical defects must be considered. A bad driving habit which might easily be corrected may prove to be the cause. It is generally conceded that a man may be cured of having automobile accidents just as some physical defect might be cured.

Just what is to be done with the high-accident driver will be discussed by George R. Wellington, of the Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Department, and W. F. Hanna, of Baltimore, Md. The former will speak as an state official, the latter as a businessman interested in the economics of safe driving.

Finally Dr. C. S. Slocombe, also of the Personnel Research Federation, will conduct an actual demonstration of diagnosing and treating accident-prone drivers.

Highways Next in Importance.

Second to this topic in importance, among those to be discussed

ROLLS-ROYCE.

Policy of Keeping Models Up-to-Date.

CONTINUITY PAYS.

It is, of course, not the policy of the Rolls-Royce Company to introduce new models annually. Rather, it is its policy to keep existing models thoroughly up-to-date by periodic modifications, while such changes as are introduced are made irrespective of the season of the year.

One model, the "Silver Ghost," actually continued in production for as long as 19 years, with only minor modifications. It was not superseded in fact until 1926, when the "Phantom I" was introduced.

Thus, for 1932 the principal characteristics of design of the 40/50 h.p. chassis remain unchanged. There are, however, several detail improvements of

an important nature, which will be greatly appreciated by purchasers.

For instance, the width across the rear wheels has been slightly increased, which will have the effect of giving better accommodation on the back seat and enabling three people of normal size to be seated comfortably. The system of centralised lubrication which has now proved highly successful, has now been extended to the front and back axles, which previously had to be lubricated separately by an oil gun. An Auto Kleen filter has been introduced into the engine oil system.

In connexion with the cooling system, the radiator shutters are now controlled automatically by a thermostat, and a new type of radiator tube with improved cooling properties has been introduced.

The rear brakes have been improved as regards wearing qualities by the adoption of wider shoes, and the control of the reserve supply of petrol in the main tank has been modified and is now accessible from the driver's seat.

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BRITISH RACING TRIUMPHS.

More International Victories Won.

The last few weeks have seen yet more international triumphs added to the long list of British successes in trials of speed and endurance, triumphs which must be appreciated at their proper value throughout the world. Two Austrians, and Germans for the coveted Coupe des Glaciers in the Alpine trials: two of the existing world's speed records for baby cars, set up only five days before by British machines, the M.G. Midget and the Austin Seven, were beaten by a car said to be privately designed and built by Lord Ridley, when he attained 105.42 miles an hour over the flying kilometre and 104.46 over the flying mile; and the first £100 car to be marketed, the Morris Minor, achieved the astonishing figures of an average of 100.39 m.p.h. over a mile in both directions, 104 over the flying kilometre, and 101.96 for the double run.

2100—100 M.P.H.

Probably the most popular traffic sessions of the Congress will be those to be conducted each morning in the nature of a "school." Specific problems of interest to police chiefs and traffic engineers are to be discussed at each class.

On the faculty for this traffic school will be Maxwell N. Hawley, traffic engineer of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters; Hawley S. Simpson, research engineer of the American Electric Railway Association and Ernest P. Goodrich, president of the Institute of Traffic Engineers.

The increasing importance of keeping accurate accident records has made it imperative to schedule an entire session for a discussion of this important highway safety development. The roster of speakers indicates the nation-wide interest in the subject.

Two state motor vehicle commissioners Robbins B. Stoeckel of Connecticut and Harold G. Hoffman of New Jersey, will appear on the programme.

The driver's license law, recognized as one of the finest pieces of safety legislation yet devised but used as a political football in many state legislatures last year, will come in for a good deal of discussion at the legislative session on the last day of the Congress.

The Great Alpine Trial.

The successes of the Invicta, the Talbot, and the Rileys in the Alpine trial are, however, of far more immediate interest to the average owner. There can never have been a more strenuous test either for machines or men. Fourteen hundred and seventy-five miles over the Alps of Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and France in six days, at an average of something like 25 miles an hour, is a programme from which none but the very best cars are likely to be hoped that Great Britain will be more widely represented next year in a really sporting event in which the peculiar difficulties are properly understood by the average owner-driver, for whose benefit all races and competitions are ultimately intended. He may never wish to race, but he must be a dull dog who does not nourish however secretly, a desire to take his own car over the most famous mountain roads in Europe—and must be interested in the car who takes his car to the best touring-ground in the world hopes

VALUE OF SPEED.

Benefit to Motor Industry.

SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

The answer to the many people who wonder what is the value to the motor and aviation industries of speed attempts like the Schneider Trophy race is given by Mr. A. F. Sidgreaves, the Managing Director of Rolls-Royce, Ltd., one of the most prominent figures in the industry.

"As a result of the test this year," Mr. Sidgreaves said, "all the main components of these engines have undergone a definite improvement, and in consequence the life of the standard engine in service will be much longer than it would otherwise have been."

"From the development point of view," he added, "the Schneider Trophy contest is almost an economy, because it saves so much time in arriving at certain technical improvements. It is not too much to say that research for the Schneider Trophy contest over the past two years is what our aero-engine department would otherwise have taken six to ten years to learn."

Much that they had learned from the contest was capable of being applied to their Rolls-Royce cars in general use.

"For the last few years," he added, "Britain's supremacy in the manufacture of aircraft is generally recognised, and is due to the experience and knowledge gained in contests such as the Schneider Trophy."

THE DAZZLE PROBLEM.

A New Development for 1932.

Among Lucas Electricalities, a development for 1932 is the Lucas-Graves anti-dazzle lamp. This set consists of lamps with special double-filament bulbs, either of which filament can be used at will to give a normal driving beam or an anti-dazzle light. The front glass of the lamps is of special device consisting of a series of vertical lenses of correct optical curvature which convert the beam sideways so as to illuminate the full width of the road.

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THIRD PARTY RISKS.

Many car owners believe themselves adequately protected if they are covered under the ordinary comprehensive motor insurance policy to the extent of £1,000 against third party risk (public liability). That this belief may be misleading is demonstrated by a recent report of a case in Melbourne where a widow was awarded £2,350 compensation against a car-driver, who had been killed for the death of her husband. The insurance scheme recently introduced by the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland for the benefit of members includes unlimited third party cover, in addition to other benefits not obtainable in the ordinary comprehensive policy.

At Barnsley, to change old back tyres the car had previously done some 10,000 miles, and to replace a loose electric wire.

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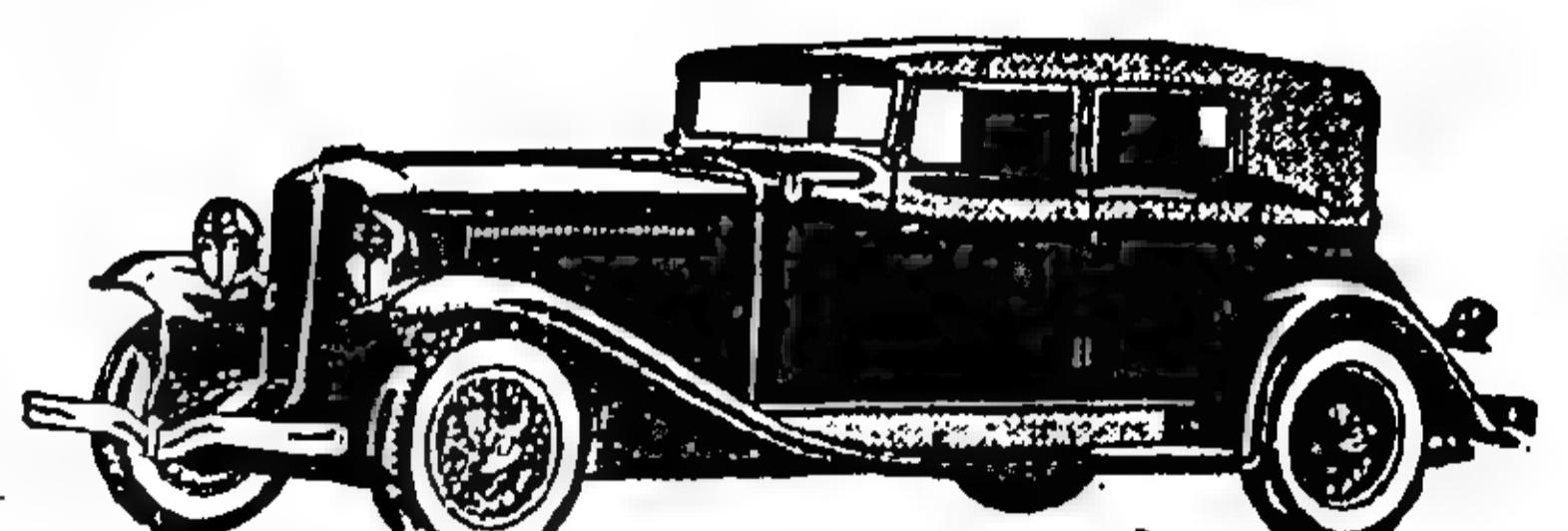
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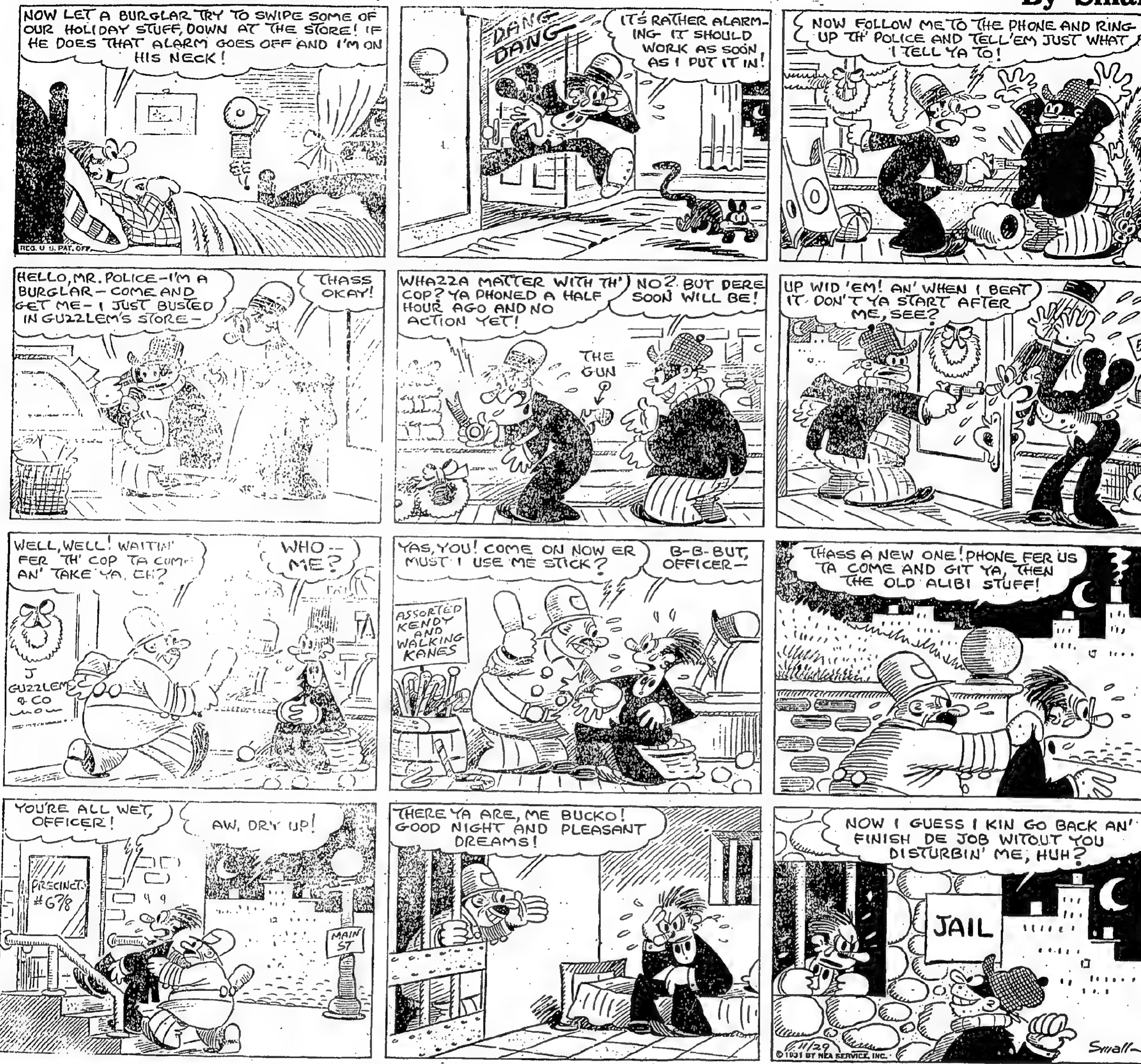
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MACAO RACES.

PROSPECTS OF GOOD SPORT.

(By "Ringtail".)

Judging by the departure list for Macao to-day, owners have been very liberal in their support of the Macao Jockey Club, which will hold its fourth extra meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Many changes have been made which will benefit visitors generally, and I am certain that the Stewards will leave no stone unturned in order to make patrons as comfortable as possible. Quite a big attendance will be registered at this meeting on account of the certainty of bigger and better fields.

Many of the ponies competing have figured prominently at recent Hongkong and Funing Meetings, and with form so well exposed, punters should have a very profitable day. My selections are:

1st Race.
Daylight Eve.
African Eve.
Ataman.2nd Race.
Imperial Hall.
Cloudy Eve.
The Gomeril.3rd Race.
Bonzo.
Golden Glory.
Pure Music.4th Race.
Blue Heaven.
Cream Cracker.
The Quail.5th Race.
Bay of Bellingham II.
Sunning.
Discord.6th Race.
New King.
Celerity.
Sunny Day.

FIRE SERVICE CHARGES.

WATER AUTHORITY PERMITS.

The following new regulations have been made under the Waterworks Ordinance by the Governor-in-Council:

Fire services may be permitted by the Water Authority when in his opinion or in the opinion of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade the same are necessary or expedient to enable water from the waterworks to be used by the owner or occupier of any building or structure for the purpose of combating fire.

Every permit for a fire service granted by the Water Authority shall be subject to such conditions, stipulations and reservations as he may see fit to make or impose.

No fire service permit shall include or imply undertaking, warranty or obligation on the part of the Government or any department or officer thereof that water will at all times or when required be available by or through the fire service, or against failure or breakdown or defects or interruptions.

The following fees shall be paid into the Treasury for the use and/or retention of fire services on and after 1st January, 1932:—
6" service, \$110 per annum;
4" service, \$75 per annum;
3" service, \$50 per annum;
2" service, \$35 per annum.

THE VEHICULAR FERRY.

FORM OF TENDER MODIFIED.

Recent criticism in the Legislative Council of the form of tender for the passenger and vehicles ferry is recalled by a notification in the current issue of the Gazette.

This states that provided the particulars of vessels, other than special type vessels, are given in sufficient detail to enable the Government to satisfy itself that the vessels are suitable for the service required, drawings and specifications need not be provided.

RED-SHIRT CHIEF ARRESTED.

INDIA "REBEL" ORGANISATION.

New Delhi, Dec. 25.
Abdul Gaffur Khan, the leader of the "Red-Shirts" who have been stirring up trouble along the North-West Frontier, has been arrested.—Reuters.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The World Crisis.
[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir—Your comments on "The World in Disintegration" certainly set one wondering what we are for during the coming year. International enmity appears to be thriving in a soil of economic panic, and as far as one can foresee, there can only be one end to it all—war, revolution, starvation for millions, and a reign of terror and disillusionment for us all.

Instead of openly acknowledging that the calamitous state of affairs is due entirely to the national avarice and international cut-throat competition of the past two decades and getting down to the only real solution—financial and economic co-operation—the Governments of the world are frantically grasping at any vile hold that is likely to improve their own position, no matter what it may cost the other nations. The probability of regulation is flagrantly ignored, and when the period does come along, surprise and indignation are brought into play to stir up international resentment.

The trouble is that the world is being run by vested interests, people who have become too panic-stricken about their own financial affairs to be able to consider the position from either the national or the international standpoint. Since the last war, we have had an outstanding manifestation of the insincerity and treachery of politicians in the consistent and deliberate disregard that has been shown towards the invaluable recommendations of Professor Gustav Cassel, the greatest living authority on international finance; and even in the present all too frequent crises, personal and class interests are proving too strong to permit of the application of any national or humanitarian remedial measures.

The sooner the man-in-the-street wakes up to the fact that he is being hypnotised into an optimistic illusion, and that he is being rushed into the biggest and bloodiest upheaval in history—the French Revolution on a world-wide scale—the fewer will be his regrets and self-recriminations when the conflagration dies down, providing of course, that he is still alive and has retained sufficient sanity to indulge in retrospection.

What the world is crying out for to-day—now, before it is too late—is co-operation, toleration and harmony. The application of the Christmas spirit, not only over a bottle, but throughout the whole day's association, individually and nationally, will achieve immeasurably more than all the wild fiscal, financial and economic schemes that are being put into operation to-day.

The immediate dissemination of the co-operative spirit is the paramount necessity as we stand at the moment, and unless every one of us is prepared to get his shoulder to his own little cog of the evolutionary wheel, nothing can possibly save the world from bloodshed, chaos and disintegration.—Yours, etc., X.

1,000 MYSTERY TELEGRAMS.

BREAKFAST TABLE SURPRISE.

One thousand Sheffield men received unsigned telegrams recently inviting them to a public meeting to be held in the city at night.

The telegrams, which read, "Vital matters will be discussed, urgency warrants this wire," were handed over the counter at the head post office, with instructions, that they were to be delivered by breakfast time, not later than 8.30. The messages were addressed to all districts in the city, and a squad of messenger boys completed their task by the specified time.

The messengers related to a meeting organised by a religious organisation, and the result was a meeting three times the size of recent gatherings.

A Post Office official said that the possibility of alarm being caused to receivers of the telegrams at such an early hour was pointed out to the sender, who, however, was within his rights in sending them.

No reference was made to the messages at the meeting.

CHRISTMAS DAY STORM.

SOME CASUALTIES AT FRISCO.

According to news received locally in shipping circles, a terrific storm visited the Pacific coast of the United States on Christmas Day.

Some casualties were caused to small craft at San Francisco.

BABIES INSTEAD OF DOLLS.

MOTHER-TRAINING AT GIRLS' SCHOOL.

New York, Nov. 25. At an age when many girls are still playing with their dolls a group of New York schoolgirls will be handling live babies and training them in the way they should go.

Girls who are being educated under the famous Dalton plan will take part in a novel scheme designed to raise "the perfect baby," and also to train prospectively "the perfect mother."

It is an attempt to give infants every advantage known to medical science and psychology, while at the same time to inculcate in girls the love for children and the ambition of motherhood. A committee of physicians will choose the babies, whose mothers will all be workers unable to take care of their children during the day.

The little ones must be in perfect health before they are chosen, and it will be one of the tasks of the schoolgirls to see that they remain so. The girls will receive the babies in the morning, bathe them, and give them the right food, prepared by themselves under the supervision of a trained nurse.

"SWEATED" SCHOOL CHILDREN.

(Continued from Page 6.)
sums the pupil has to work 4, 5, or even 7 places of decimals. Who is responsible for such overcrowding of the curriculum?

"MAN OVERBOARD!"

"MAN overboard!" How that poignant cry, passing along a ship's deck, grips the heart, spurring sailors to quick action.

A life to be saved, even, if need be, at the cost of their own.

Picture a storm-battered tramp steamer wallowing along in the teeth of a gale, her decks continually flooded. A member of the crew taken unaware, and swept over the side to be the sport of angry seas.

"Man overboard!" The officer of the watch hears the cry, pulls the telegraph over to stop, and almost with the same action throws a life-buoy in the direction of the struggling man.

The captain takes charge; a life-boat is cut from the lashings and swung outboard. There is no call for volunteers—there is no need.

Sailors, engineers, half-naked firemen from the hot stokehold jostle each other for places.

The boat, in charge of the mate, is lowered to a heaving sea that seems a futile thing, tossing up and down in a raging sea. Water is shipped, driving rain soaks the crew, piercing cold wind almost rips off their scanty clothing.

Yonder, pulling bow, sits a coal-grimed fireman, with thin singlet split from neck to waist, his eyes on the resolute face of the steersman.

On the crest of a green hill of water that blots the steamer from view; only the roar of escaping steam from her safety valves indicates her presence.

Now on the crest of a green hill of water that blots the steamer from view; only the roar of escaping steam from her safety valves indicates her presence.

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Her head is carefully turned shipwards, muscles almost crack as the oars bend with strain; feet are numbed by icy water. Meanwhile the captain has manoeuvred his vessel towards the boat, giving her a lee-side.

Alongside at last, one minute almost level with the deck, and the next far down at her bilge. "Fend off there. Fend off!" is the cry. At last the boat is hooked on to the swinging tackle, and willing hands pull her up to her chocks; the only casualty a broken gunwale, as the sea, baulked of its prey, sought to smash the boat against steel plating.

"Full speed ahead!" clangs the telegraph, as sea-hammered, aching men tumble below to dry clothes while the steward serves out a glass of grog.

The rescued man is first-aided back to life. Another miracle performed on the high seas—recorded in the log-book in half a dozen words.

A stiff, tricky job in the days' work, well done and forgotten—in the life of another day.

W. B. A.

TORTOISE DIES AGED 120.

BLOB OF THE ZOO.

Blob, one of the world's oldest tortoises, has died at the London Zoo. She was presented by the Governor of the Seychelles Islands, in the Indian Ocean, in August 1919, when she weighed about 1½ cwt, and was known to be 120 years old. Her reputed age was much greater.

Blob carried her years well, for at the inquest, she was found to be the mother of 222 eggs, ranging in size from that of mere marbles to pigeon balls.

A cabbage a day had kept the doctor away until recently, when she suddenly developed kidney trouble. She was a yard long, with a waist line of 72 inches, but her brain was no bigger than a walnut, which may have accounted for her longevity, for Blob had no worries.

Only a few hundred of these giant tortoises now exist. Two centuries ago they swarmed in the Seychelles, Galapagos, Pacific Ocean, and other remote island group, but their flesh, oil, and eggs made them much too valuable to be allowed to live.

To-day such monsters are beyond mere market value. Occasionally they are interchanged, as a grave gesture of scientific courtesy, between Zoo and Zoo.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Messrs. Moutte & Co., and Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.

SUNDAY.

Relay of "Messiah" Service.

11.12.15 a.m. Relay of Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.15 p.m. Chinese Programme.

1 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

2 p.m. Close Down.

4 p.m. Choral Service from "Messiah."

Soloists—Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith (Soprano).

Mr. L. Lockhart (Contralto).

Mr. H. Annes (Tenor).

Mr. J. Bailey (Bass).

Pianist—Mrs. Phillips.

Conductor & Organist—Mr. G. E. Longyear.

Programme.

Order of Service.

Hymn—"Oh Come All Ye Faithful"

Invocation & Lord's Prayer.

Overture.

Recit.—"Comfort Ye" (Tenor).

Chorus—"And the Glory" (Choir).

Recit.—"Thus Saith the Lord" (Bass).

Air—"That Who May Abide" (Bass).

Recit.—"Behold A Virgin" (Contralto).

Air & Chorus—"O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings To Zion"

(Contralto & Choir).

Pastoral Symphony.

Recit.—"There were Shepherds" (Soprano).

Recit.—"And the Angel" (Soprano).

Chorus—"Glory to God" (Choir).

Recit.—"Rejoice Greatly" (Soprano).

Recit.—"Then Shall the Eye" (Contralto).

Air—"He Shall Feed His Flock" (Contralto).

Air—"Come Unto Him" (Soprano).

Chorus—"Hallelujah" (Choir).

Hymn—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

8.10 p.m. Programme of Recorded Music.

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.30-9.30 p.m.

Mon Lee (G. M. Witkowski)

Robert Casadesus (Piano) and

Orchestra Symphonique de Paris

conducted by the composer.

9.30-9.10 p.m. Christmas Records.

Quartette—Christmas Hymns—Selection

The New Sanctuary Quartette.

9.10-10 p.m. A Concert.

Song—Ermine Lullaby (Jakovowski).

Song—Jocelyn Angels Guard Thee (Godard).

Hilda Lashanks (Soprano).

Violin Solo-Tango (Albeniz-Kreisler).

Violin Solo-Danza Espanola (De Falta-Kreisler).

Fritz Kreisler.

Slow Fox Trot-Yon Went Away

Once Too Often.

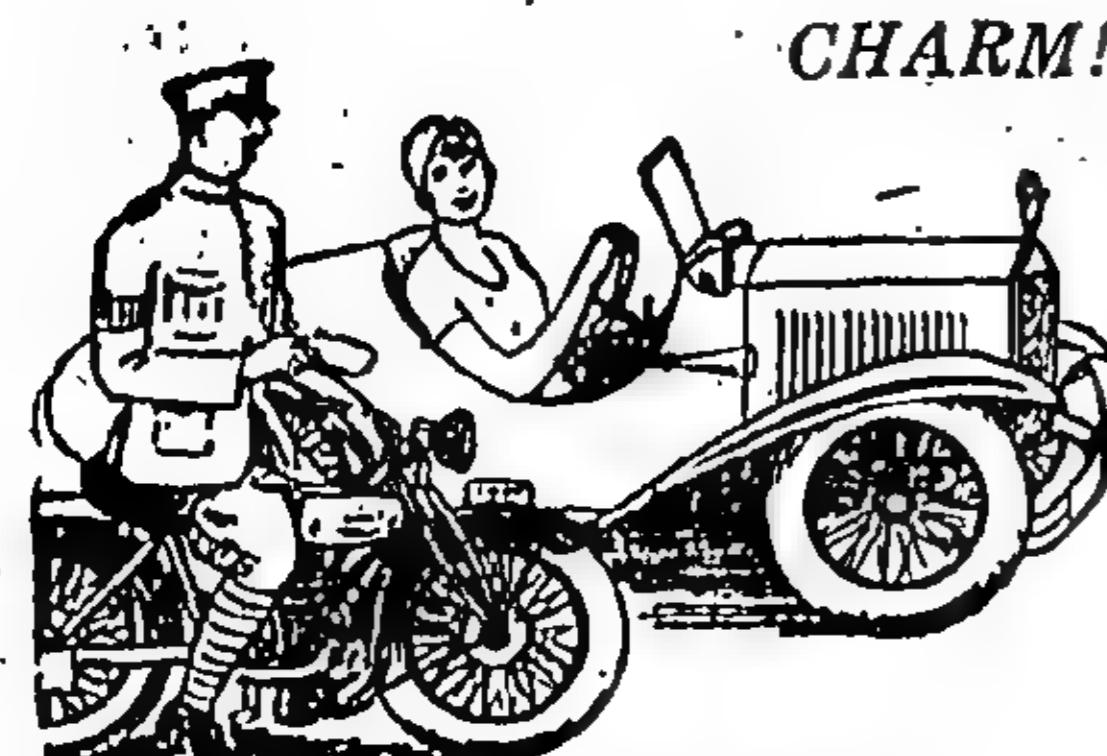
Fox Trot-I Hate Myself.

Fox Trot-We Can Live On Love.

Fox Trot-I've Got Five Dollars.

Fox Trot-We'll Be The Same.

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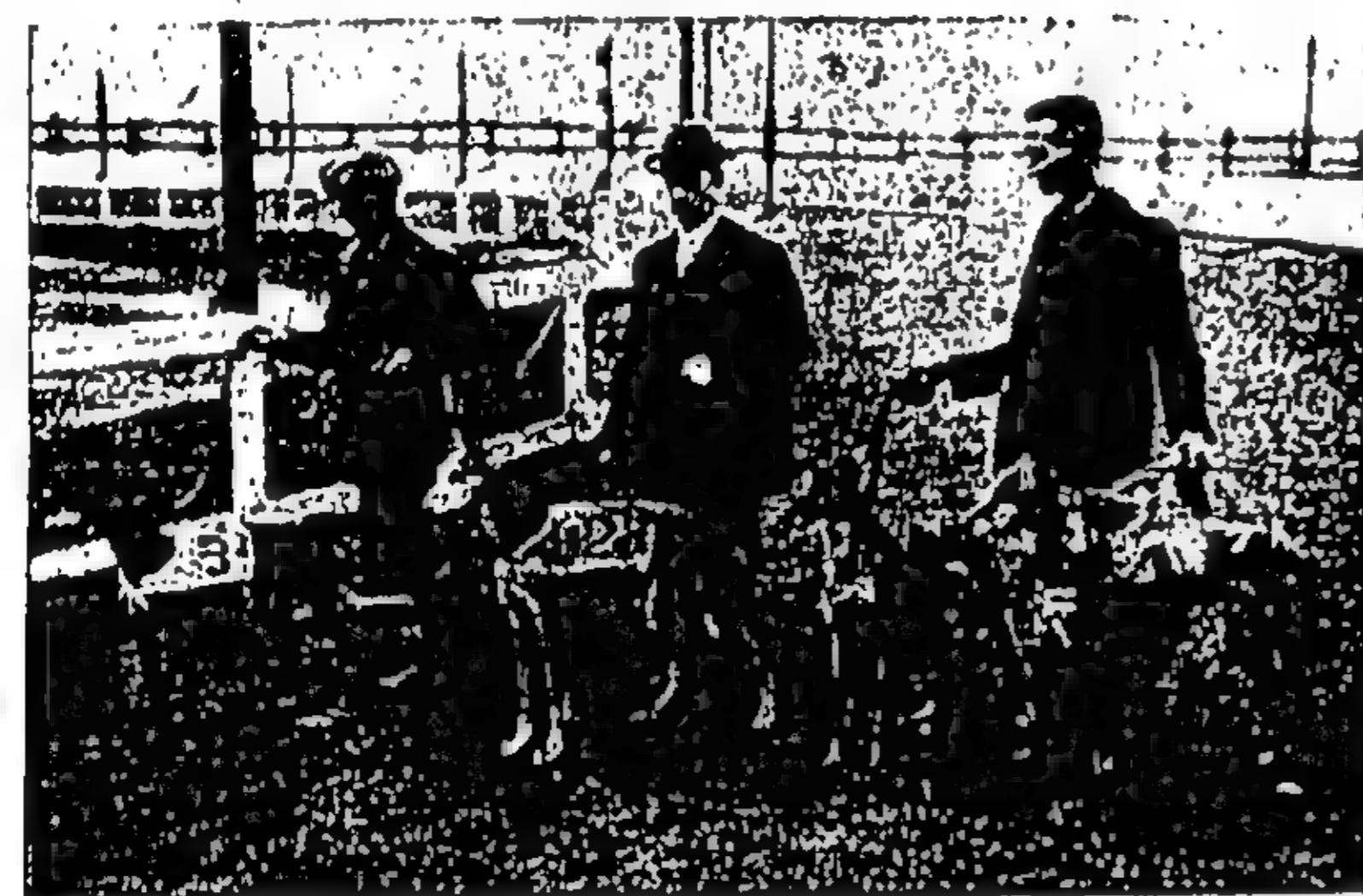
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3:30 p.m. "Sui An"

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SCOTLAND AGAIN TRIUMPH.

XMAS INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

GREAT FOOTBALL

[By "Wanderer."]

Scotland 3 England 2

Scotland obtained their customary victory over the Sarsenachas and on this occasion there could be no quarrel with the verdict. A shade the better side in the opening half, they were infinitely superior in the second, though it took the spur of a snap goal against to enable them to assert their supremacy. England were well represented but did not intend as a side, while being at all times good enough to keep their rivals at full pressure.

It was, in fact, one of the most delightful holiday matches staged for many seasons. The scene of attack changed swiftly, fast and clever movements coming from both sides, in addition to which a splendid spirit marked the grueling game, only one foul being given in the ninety minutes.

Hedley took a ball from under the bar and turned it round the post for a corner to prevent a goal accruing from the only occasion in the first half when the respective defences faltered, and the sides crossed over with no score. Howe gave England the lead when the second half was fifteen minutes old and the spirited Scottish reply resulted in penalty from which McKelvie made no mistake. From that moment Scotland dominated play, McTavish obtained a brilliant goal with a terrific first time drive, though Campbell may have been offside when he broke away, and then Campbell put the result beyond doubt, netting directly from a corner. Howe reduced the lead with the greatest of ease when Dixon left him a clear field some five minutes from the end.

Scotland's teamwork gained them the day, McKelvie holding the side together splendidly by precept and example. I don't think he wasted a ball the whole game and his tackling and defensive work generally was almost worthy of McKelvie at his best. He was splendidly supported by Hay and Gordon, the half-back line being perhaps Scotland's most efficient division. Forward, there was too much dilly-dally until the last half-hour when the line revealed a punching-power one had not imagined existed earlier on. McTavish and Hughes made a dazzling right wing. They were anything but orthodox and had Bliss guessing time and again. Wylie was an alert leader, and Campbell also showed splendid form. Dixon and Blackburn were hardly as impressive as the rest of the side, though they were guilty of few blunders.

Strange and Hedley distinguished themselves for England in defence. Strange again and again intervened when the trickery of the Scottish right wing had placed England's goal in jeopardy, while Hedley's polished exhibition

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

Starting times for the old and new courses on Sunday are as follows:

New Course.

9:28 Mrs. Sherry, H. M. Muir.

9:30 G. V. T. Marshall, J. D. Danby.

Old Course.

9:16—9:29 a.m. not to be booked by players travelling by 9:28 a.m. train.

9:28 L. G. S. Dodwell, A. Sommerfelt.

9:32 R. K. Hepburn, A. Reid.

9:34 J. P. Sherry, G. W. Sewell.

9:42 H. Hampton, A. W. Muir.

9:44 A. C. I. Bowker, D. G. Bruce.

9:48 N. K. Littlejohn, A. R. Cox.

9:52 K. S. Robertson, C. Mycock.

9:56 R. Young, D. Forbes.

10:00 A. B. Purves, E. des Voeux.

10:04 W. R. Gordon, A. R. Kilian.

10:08 W. A. Waddington, R. D. Dykes.

10:12 I. G. Allison, G. E. R. Divett.

10:16 J. W. Alabaster, A. O. Brown.

10:20 N. S. Ellis, R. O. Cherill.

10:24 G. T. May, A. J. R. Wolff.

10:32 J. E. Richardson, E. D. Mattheus.

10:36 P. Hollingdale, R. R. Davies.

10:40 H. H. Williams, H. C. Gould.

10:44 C. G. Shrubsole, J. Coulthart.

10:48 L. R. Andrews, F. A. Merry.

10:52 C. K. Watson, J. R. Masson.

10:56 W. C. Shields, I. H. Geare.

11:00 D. J. Fraser, S. R. Waller.

11:04 J. H. Hinton, R. C. Law.

11:08 T. Low, T. R. Chanares.

11:12 F. A. Redmond, A. D. Humphreys.

11:16 P. S. Grant, J. B. Lanigan.

11:20 S. J. D. Law, S. J. H. Fox.

11:24 W. D. Denham, G. B. McKerrin.

"These times (the first two on the Old Course after the arrival of 9:28 a.m. train) should get their clubs and go to the first tee where caddies will be waiting for them. They will get their dues from the Superintendent."

Twelve cats were burned to death in a fire which destroyed part of Lady Headlam-Morley's house in St. Mary's-road, Wimbledon Park, S.W.

It is believed that the outbreak began in a room in which the cats were kept, where a fire was kept continually burning for their comfort.

Lady Headlam-Morley, whose husband, a distinguished historian, died in 1929, was afterwards granted the rank which would have been hers had he survived to be knighted. She is of German birth, and spends much time in Germany, where she is well known for her musical work, including an orchestral overture, "Leonard," which was performed in Berlin recently.

brought him triumphant out of many a tight corner. Martin did many good things, but was erratic, and Skinner, sound enough in defence, did little effective constructive work. The forwards were not well supported by their halves. Skinner and Rawson were the better of two fairly good wings, and Howe played with his customary skill in the centre.

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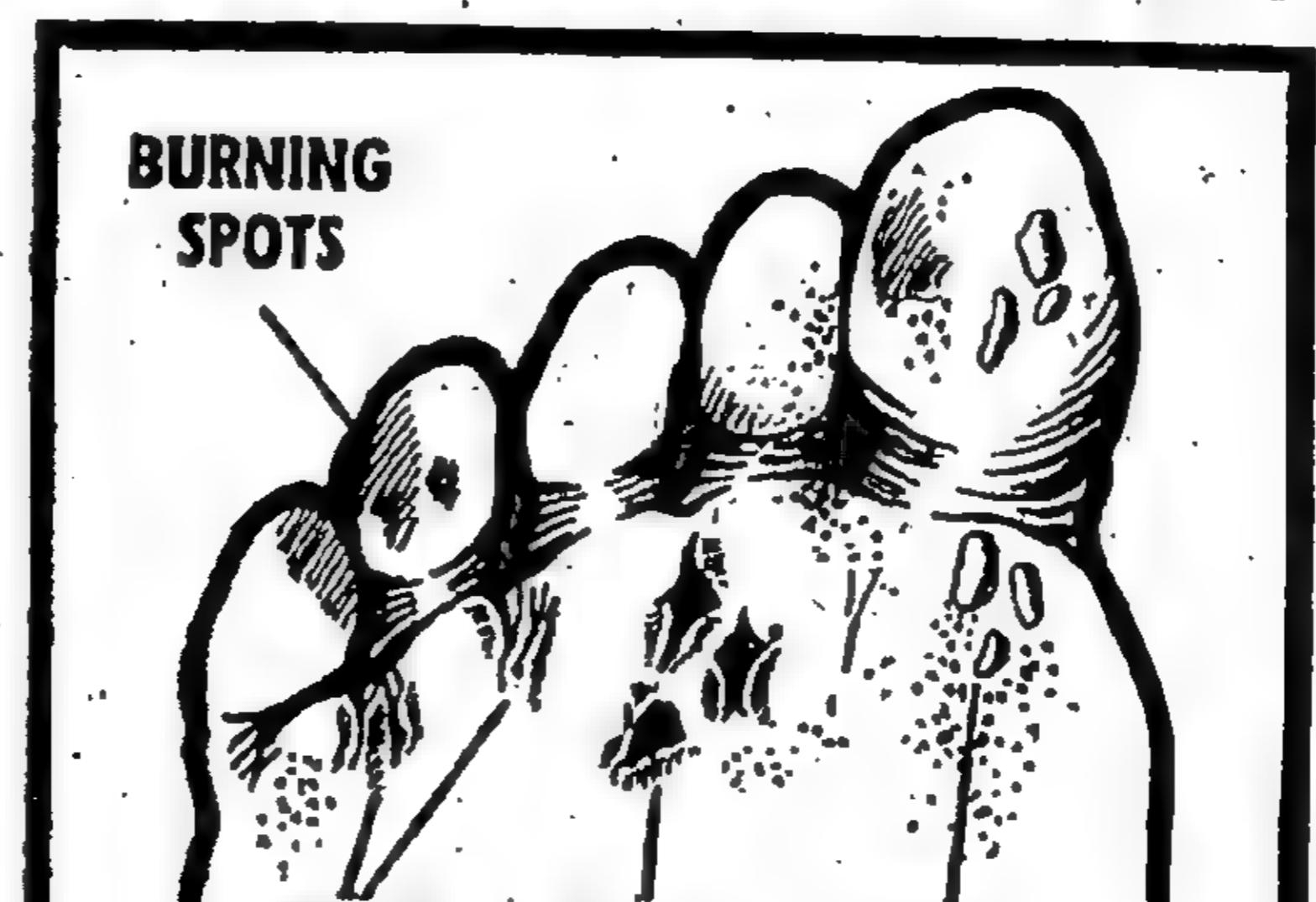
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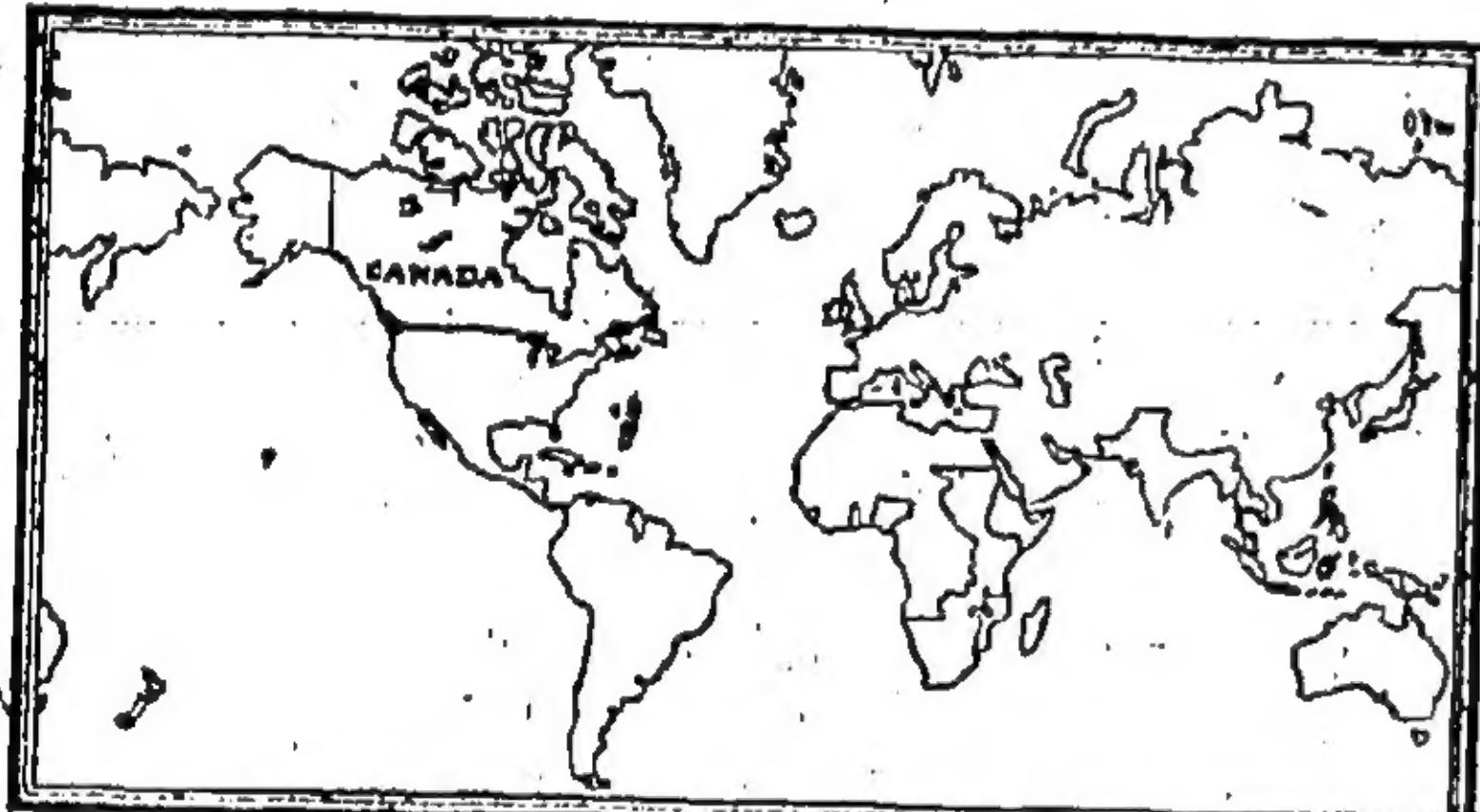
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The ensuing events keep Charlie in a protracted state of "hot water." He must dodge the gangster, keep the ex-flame out of sight, and prevent his fiance and his mother from discovering his "flight." He finally has to get himself arrested to elude the pursuing gangster and his mob.

But even in jail his troubles continue, for the old "girl habit" crops up again; he becomes attentive, unattractively, of course, to the warden's wife, and his prospective mother-in-law, as chairman of a prison reform committee, finds him in a seemingly compromising position when she visits the institution. But the tangles are untangled in the end, to the accompaniment of roars of hilarity.

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In "The Texan," which is having its final showing at the Central Theatre to-day, Miss Dunn thinks she is mother of Gary Cooper. Although every other member of the cast includes Fay Wray, Irene Dunne, etc., that's the story.

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America and play the part of "Grumpy"—and here I am!"

Maude made his stage debut in Denver, Col., while he was visiting in America to recover from a youthful illness. During his long career he has appeared in command performances before the late King Edward VII and the present King George V of England.

"Sporting Blood."

Learning jinxes of the race-track and the intricate art of "deadling from the bottom." "Stacking the Deck" and so forth is almost like going to school all over again. At least it is for Lew Cody. Now "came home" to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, where most of his big successes were made, to play his first role here since his recent illness in "Sporting Blood," based on the Saturday Evening Post story "Horaceesh" by Frederick Hazlitt Brown.

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"So he comes to his end, a Puritan rebel who insulted his times and was well paid for it. . . . A white-bearded sage with a funny twist in mind, not in any sense a man to be feared any more."

With this disillusioned farewell to the old friend in whom he had believed whole-heartedly forty years before, the late Frank Harris ends his own part in "Bernard Shaw. An Unauthorised Biography, Based on First-Hand Information, with a Postscript by Mr. Shaw," published (Victor Gollancz, £s. 6d.).

In several respects it is certainly the queerest biography ever written—the combined product, as author and subject, of two men of genius and of diametrically opposite temperaments, both over seventy, and both utterly unregarding of any sort of convention.

So far as concerns the facts of Shaw's upbringing—both in Ireland and England—there need be little division of opinion. A good deal is taken from Shaw's own prefaces, novels and letters, and from Dr. Henderson's official "Life."

We already know something about the "shabby genteel" menage in Dublin—the drunken and squinting father, the mother who made a religion of music, and the Svengali-like lodger, George John Vandeleur Lee, teacher of singing, who afterwards transferred his "method" to Park Lane.

With the instinct of a master of the short story, Harris concentrates on Lee. It was to Lee's influence Shaw owed largely the fact that he was steeped in music almost from the cradle, and knew every note of Mozart before he had even seen an opera performed. Although the domination of Lee over Mrs. Shaw appears to have been complete, Shaw assures Harris in a letter that she was never Lee's mistress.

Shaw as Cashier.

The "beggar" of Mrs. Shaw, with her daughter and Lee, from Dublin punctual unless there was some

to London in 1871 preceded Shaw's own pilgrimage. He stayed for four years in Dublin afterwards, in lodgings with his father. Shaw had left the Wesleyan Connexion School at fifteen, and had a job as cashier at Townsend's estate office.

In this connexion Harris suggests that Shaw's progress has been seldom due to his own initiative. It was his mother who came first to London. It was through hearing Henry George, the author of "Progress and Poverty," at Farnborough Hall, that he joined the already-formed Fabian Society, with Hyndman, Mr. Sidney Webb (the future Lord Passfield), and Mrs. Sidney Webb, and the future Lord Olivier.

It was William Archer who, after nine years of unsuccessful novel-writing on Shaw's part, got him his first critical work on the "Pall Mall Gazette" and "World." It was Archer also who planned and suggested Shaw's first play, "Widowers' Houses." Possibly, Harris overdoes this notion. To have written five novels without one acceptance hardly suggests lack of initiative—not counting some of Shaw's later adventures.

Although Harris did not know his future dramatic critic in the earlier part of Shaw's 20 years' sojourn with mother and sister at Fitzroy-square, he reminds us that Shaw was a very different-looking person before he blossomed out into the costume familiar to the 'Nineties. Shaw's first employment on his arrival in London was in the "wayleave" department of the Edison Telephone Company. He made his round of shopkeepers and others in comparatively "business-like" apparel.

This, however, grew more and more seedy during the novel-writing period—1879 to 1883—from which sum of his literary earnings was £5 15s. 6d. Ultimately the black coat became green; the cuffs pared to the quick. The top-hat, which Shaw then favoured, had to be worn back to front. The rim had grown too soft for it to be otherwise lifted.

As Contributor.

As Shaw's editor on the *Saturday Review*, Harris's reminiscences are entirely happy. "Well or ill," he writes, "he was a most admirable contributor, always

HANDY COIL OF ROPE**WIFE'S WHIM JUSTIFIES ITSELF.**

London, Dec. 24.—A wife's whim that, for years had threatened to mar the domestic bliss of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, of Pinner, Middlesex, justified itself last night, and saved their lives.

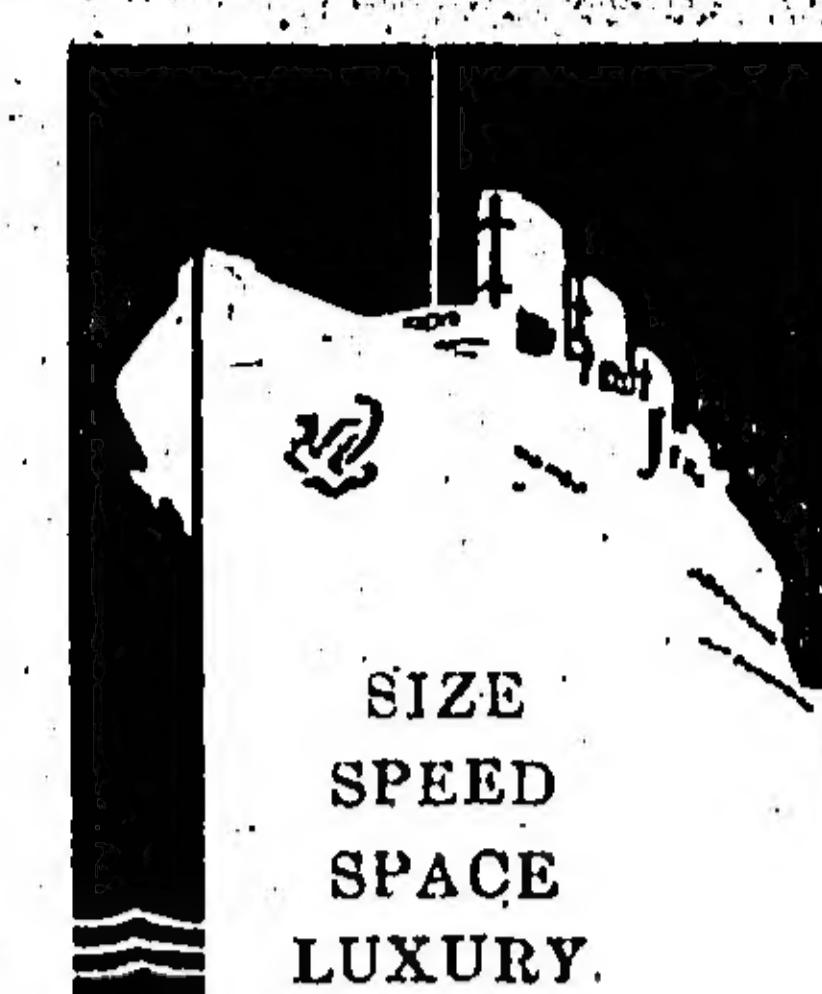
Since her marriage the wife had always insisted, despite the husband's protests, on keeping a coil of rope in the bedroom. Last night the couple were wakened by smoke and found the staircase ablaze. Notwithstanding her anxiety to reach safety, the wife murmured triumphantly as she tied the rope to the foot of the bed, "I told you so," and let herself down into the street. Her husband also availed himself of the rope.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

good reason for being late, always scrupulous, correcting the proofs heavily, with rare conscientiousness, and always doing his very best.

Harris says he would not describe Shaw as a "chameleon on a plaid"; he considers that in later years he has always had an eye to profitable publicity—or what he terms "Shawmanship." He recalls Oscar Wilde's not wholly accurate dictum upon Shaw that he has not one enemy in the world, but none of his friends likes him.

To all this Shaw answers in a spirit of sympathetic malice. "Frank," he says, "was man of splendid visions. . . . He ultimately quarrelled with everybody but Shakespeare, and this book contains several attempts to quarrel with me. But I bear no malice; as he is at bottom trying to quarrel with a scheme of things in which fellows like me crawl between earth and heaven and snatch little successes in which there is no sort of justice and fundamentally no reality."

The most surprising revelations in the book are contained in Shaw's letters to Harris in regard to early amours. The sheer shamelessness of the recounts makes its author's recent errors against taste trivial so far as the abandonment of self-respect is concerned.



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The Earl of Elgin presided, and Mr. MacDonald was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Ishbel, and his sons, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, M.P., and Mr. Alister MacDonald.

Many of those present were attired in clan tartans, and among the guests were the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Lang), the Aga Khan, Sir J. M. Barric, the Snowdon, Sir John Lavery, Sir Ian Hamilton, the Marquis and Marchioness of Huntly, and the Earl of Inchcape.

The Wondering Past.

The toast of "Mr. MacDonald," proposed by Col. John Buchan, M.P., and supported by Lord Inchcape, was enthusiastically received, and Mr. MacDonald rose the company sprang to their feet cheering and waving table napkins.

"The best thing for me to do," said Mr. MacDonald, "is in the most simple language to say 'Thank you,' and at the same time to confess that I feel very proud that you have honoured me." He proceeded:

I would be far more than human—and I am afraid I am endowed with all the weaknesses of humanity—if while I sit here I did not feel that the past was my most intimate and immediate companion. If the past was not sitting by me at this moment in open-eyed wonder at what had happened.

The past throws up its hands in simple bewilderment, like the old Lowestoft fishwife who greeted me a few years ago and said, with homely, kindly, and simple expression, "Well, Jimmy, wonders will never cease!"

It is a wonderful progression of events and incidents which passes before me—and how small the world is in it all!

There is Barrie, for instance. One of the main distinctions which Barrie and I have in common is that he had a great schoolmaster, for three hours, I believe, but he was so kindly that he was kicked out. I had the same schoolmaster for about two years.

And not only that. When the wanderer came to London and walked up and down the streets looking for something which would have cheered his decent young Scots heart and given him some satisfaction he found a certain baker's shop

MISSING IN LONDON.**PLANTER SUFFERS A LOSS OF MEMORY.**

London, Dec. 23. The planter, Mr. Robert Taylor, who was reported missing yesterday, has been found in a Kensington Hotel. He is declared to be suffering from loss of memory as the result of an attack of malarial.—Reuters.

In Red Lion-street. I found the same baker's shop, and just as Barrie went to buy cheap and delicious buns so did I.

It is very strange how some of one's experiences survive. May I give you two of mine? They will be the last that will pass through my consciousness.

One Frosty Morning.

It is a very hard, frosty morning. We have got up while it is still dark, and we have trudged a mile or two along a frost-bound road. We get into a potato field, where that extraordinary machine which used to go round knocking up the potatoes is in full swing.

I am leaning on a basket, into which the potatoes are being gathered, and find it difficult to keep the tears out of my eyes on account of my frostbitten hands. Somebody who is overseer of us all comes and gives me a slap on my frostbitten ear. The very thought of it at this moment makes me cringe with pain. And sitting sometimes on the Front Bench and allowing my thoughts to wander, that incident comes back to me and rubs my sorely injured, frostbitten ear.

Here is the other memory. It is a field in harvest time and a score of people are laughing and singing, busy binding the sheaves and putting them into the stocks.

A young woman dressed in a print frock, with a sun hat on her head, stops and holds out her hand to a youth of about three years of age. We walk home together through woods, bathed in sunshine, where the birds are singing happily, holding each other's hands.

That is the second memory that will live with me for ever.

I can remember how the very thought of a Poor Law dole so horrified one that one would almost have been induced to commit suicide rather than accept it. We want to get back that spirit into Scotland once again. We want if we can, I do not know if we can, to prevent this stagnation of life that is becoming so prevalent.

We want to banish the dull and unimaginative from life. People who say you can only do that when you are well endowed with this world's goods do not understand. I have never bowed, and I never will bow, to anybody simply because they are better-to-do than I.

THE MANCHURIAN TENSION.**BRITISH, FRENCH AND U.S. APPREHENSIONS.**

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

The serious concern of the respective Governments regarding the possibility of a clash between Chinese and Japanese regular troops at Chinchow is understood to be expressed in telegrams presented to the Foreign Office yesterday by the British and French Ambassadors.

Similar apprehensions were verbally expressed by the American Ambassador when he visited Mr. Inukai this morning. Mr. Inukai is reported to have replied to Ambassador Forbes that the present operations are directed entirely against bandits and other lawless elements, though it is emphasised that there is little difference between Chinese regulars and irregulars, for which reason it is advisable that the Chinchow regulars withdraw voluntarily in attendance of avoiding a possible clash.—Reuters.

GEMS OF PERIL.

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name, such as it is," Mary reminded him. "I'm afraid I must see it through."

Dirk kissed her fingers tenderly, his lips lingering on her ringed third finger.

"Surely it's not necessary now," he teased, gently. "A month more and you'll be Mrs. Dirk Ruyther. Have you forgotten?"

Mary hadn't. For several moments they were oblivious of everything but that unbelievable fact.

"You're not going to mind, are you, if Mr. Bowen and I follow up those clues he has?" Even as she recounted the news of the cast excitedly, she was aware that Dirk's manner had hardened. Suddenly, that he was definitely angry now. "Don't you know better, he said with measured, reproofing accents, "than to talk to newspapermen?"

"But surely," Mary asked, amazed. "Mr. Bowen's harmless! Why, he's done more to clear up the matter than anybody else—the police, or you, or anybody."

"And why has he? For the sake of a story, that's why!"

Stumblingly, Mary tried to defend her own estimate of Bowen.

She felt that Dirk was unfair, but she did not know how to refute his charges.

"Society, and millions, and a pretty girl!" Dirk went on. "If this isn't a perfect combination for him, I don't know what is!

And you let him drag you into it all over again, just when we'd got it stopped!"

"Oh, so you did stop it?"

"I did. And it stays stopped, if I have anything to say about it!"

They faced each other, breathing hard. Mary had not dreamed they could ever quarrel like this.

"It is not over for me. It will never be over, until I've found out what the truth is," Mary was shaking as she issued her ultimatum.

Dirk snapped, "Very well. But don't see this man Bowen again!"

"I'll see him as often as it's necessary."

"Then—good night." Dirk turned on his heel and strode angrily to the door.

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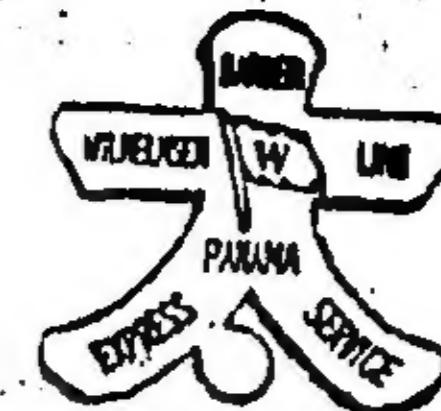
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THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

MR. HUGH GIBSON TO REPRESENT U.S.

Washington Dec. 24.
Mr. Hugh Gibson, noted member of the United States diplomatic service, has been appointed to the American delegation which is to attend the World Disarmament Conference at Geneva in February.

Mr. Gibson, who entered the diplomatic service in 1908, has served on numerous international conferences, including that for the control of traffic in arms, 1925; the Proprietary Disarmament Conference, 1926-27; and the Naval Armament Limitation Conference, of 1927, of which he was chairman.

He was also a member of the Inter-Allied Mission to Austria-Hungary, 1919; and Director of the Commission for relief in Belgium. He has been Minister to Poland and Switzerland, and has also held high posts in Paris and Brussels.—*Reuter's American Service*.

MOTOR-CYCLE MISHAP ON THE PEAK.

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his left.

It was while performing this manoeuvre that the accident occurred, the machine turning over with considerable force, hitting a retaining wall, and throwing Mr. and Mrs. Taylor heavily to the road.

Fortunately, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Grayburn were driving past at the time, and together with Mr. and Mrs. M. St. J. Walsh, near whose house the accident happened, rendered valuable assistance.

Mrs. Taylor in Hospital.

Mrs. Taylor received considerable shock and was badly bruised, while Mr. Taylor was also severely bruised, but as soon as it was ascertained that the injuries were not of a more serious character, they were driven to their house. Later in the day, Mrs. Taylor was admitted to the Victoria Hospital where her many friends will be relieved to know she is making a rapid recovery.

The machine was badly damaged and was removed from the scene yesterday.

Hongkong was fortunate in having delightful weather for Christmas Day, much to the joy of golfers, tennis players and hikers. The customary services in the various churches were well attended, whilst at night many private parties were held.

DISASTROUS DAY FOR LEADERS.

Fall By Wayside in Xmas Soccer.

VILLA'S BIG WIN.

London, Dec. 25.
Christmas Day proved disastrous for the majority of the leader of the divisions of the English League.

Everton, West Bromwich Albion, Arsenal, Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday, at the top of the first division in that order, were all defeated, the Arsenal by 4-1 at Sheffield and Wednesday by 3-1 at Liverpool. The Albion lost at home to Birmingham.

Aston Villa scored seven times against Middlesbrough without reply.

Leeds United and Wolverhampton, joint leaders of the Second Division, were both defeated on foreign soil, while in the Third Division (South), one goes down to Exeter, seventh in the table before finding a victorious side. Exeter imposed a fourth defeat on Southend. Brentford and Fulham were in opposition and drew. In the Northern Section, the leaders, Gateshead, were on the winning side, but their nearest rivals, Lincoln and York City both lost.

Biggest Win of Day.

Tranmere scored the biggest win of the day, 9-1 at home to Rochdale. Splendid away victories were obtained by Chelsea, Charlton Athletic and Queen's Park Rangers.

The full results, as cabled by Reuter and our own correspondent, follow:

First Division.

Aston Villa	7	Middlesbrough	0
Blackburn	2	Everton	3
Blackpool	2	Chelsea	4
Bolton	1	Leicester	0
Grimbsy	2	West Ham	1
Liverpool	3	Wednesday	1
Newcastle	2	Huddersfield	1
Sheffield U.	4	Arsenal	1
West Brom.	0	Birmingham	1

Second Division.

Bradford	3	Leeds	0
Burnley	2	Preston	2
Chesterfield	1	Southampton	0
Manchester U.	3	Wolves	2
Millwall	2	Barnsley	0
Notts County	4	Port Vale	2
Stoke City	2	Notts Forest	1
Swansens	0	Bradford City	1
Tottenham	0	Charlton	1
Bristol City	1	Oldham	1

Third Division (South).

Brentford	0	Fulham	0
Clapton O.	1	Bournemouth	2
Coventry	5	Reading	1

Third Division (North).

Accrington	5	Wrexham	0
Chester	2	Lincoln	1
Crowe	0	Rotherham	0
Doncaster	1	York City	0
Hull City	3	Hartlepools	1
Southport	5	Walton	1
Stockport	0	Carlisle	0
Tranmore	9	Rachdale	4
Barrow	3	Darlington	2
Halifax	1	Gateshead	1

Scottish League, Div. II.

Edinburgh	4	Dumbarton	2
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London, Dec. 24.
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The Post Office and railways are dealing with a large parcels traffic. The London terminus of one company has been handling five hundred tons daily, and six of the depots claim to have passed forty thousand tons of Christmas traffic.

The celebrations at the London hotels include fancy dress dances, cabarets and concerts.—*British Wireless*.

The Royal Family.

London, Dec. 24.
The Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York and Prince George are travelling to Sandringham to-day to join the King and Queen over the Christmas. Princess Elizabeth and Margaret Rose are already with Their Majesties. The Court is not expected back in London until February.—*British Wireless*.

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